

All naval aviation under one flag

CHANGES IN THE AIR

THE Royal Navy's FONAC is about to become FONA as his responsibilities are extended to all the Service's aircraft wherever they are deployed.

The title Flag Officer Naval Aviation replaces Flag Officer Naval Air Command in a reorganisation which combines his existing tasks with the present Fleet aviation responsibilities of Flag Officer Flotilla Three.

It means that for the first time accountability for all naval aviation matters, ashore and at sea, are brought under one flag officer.

The change, coming into effect on March 23, results from the big technological advances in naval aviation; change of emphasis to helicopters; reduction in size, shape

FONAC gets a new hat — and a new title too

and deployment pattern of the Fleet; and the aim for a leaner, fitter management structure.

Over past years, naval aviation has come under many admirals, but management arrangements have remained basically unchanged for the last 15 years. With difficulties resulting from division of responsibility increasing more recently, a study was carried out in 1989 which identified how requirements could be most effectively met in the 1990s.

The recommendations, which have been endorsed by the Navy Board, form part of the MOD's New Management Strategy aiming at better value for money from the overall defence budget.

Over the past six months an implementation team has been

at work and now FONA's remit is to be greatly increased to include squadrons and flights at sea.

The terms Fleet Air Arm and Naval Air Command will continue to be used, but NAC will consist of the naval air stations (including HMS Gannet), all the naval air squadrons and flights wherever deployed, and all the aircraft in the Active Aircraft Fleet.

Although FONA will have Fleet Flag Officer status the FOFs will exercise operational control of the aviation units in their flotillas.

His mandate concerning naval aviation is like that of a type commander's responsibilities for ships, with the proviso

● **Turn to back page**

PLUM IN THE MIDDLE

THE distinctive outline and colour of the Royal Navy's ice patrol ship HMS Endurance, now nearly half-way through her seasonal deployment "down south", is seen against a spectacular snow-capped mountain backdrop. The occasion was a visit by the ship — nicknamed the 'Red Plum' — to South Georgia, where she was alongside at Grytviken on Christmas Day. Story and more pictures in page 23.



World cruise for training ships

THREE Royal Navy ships, forming the Dartmouth Training Squadron, left the UK late last month for a deployment which will take them round the world.

Leading Endeavour '90 is HMS Bristol, the other two warships of the squadron being the Leander class frigates HM ships Ariadne and Minerva.

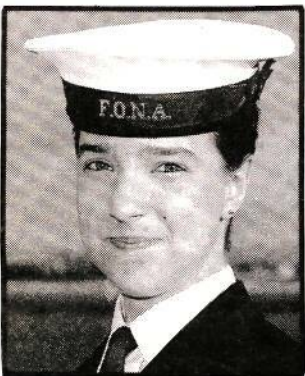
The ships were leaving

Gibraltar at the end of January to sail through the Mediterranean for Suez, and the later itinerary will include visits — individual in some cases — to India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan.

After crossing the Pacific the ships will make visits on the Western seaboard of Canada and the United States before

heading homewards via the Panama Canal and the West Indies.

They are due home in July from a six-month training deployment which will provide valuable experience both for officers under training and marine engineering artificer apprentices.



● **TRYING** out her new FONAC cap tally, to be worn from next month, is WRENWTR Karen Rouse (who when not busy at the Yeovilton HQ is a judo blue belt).



Chatham gets a home start

CHATHAM naval dockyard's glory days will return on May 4 when the last Broadsword class Type 22 frigate, HMS Chatham, is commissioned there.

The frigate, affiliated to the Medway towns, will be in Chatham for a week and open for visits by the public on Sunday, May 6, and the Bank Holiday Monday.

Local people have taken the ship to their hearts and a hectic social and sports programme has been lined up for the ship's company.

HMS Chatham, built by Swan Hunter, Wallsend, was laid down in May 1986 and launched in January 1988. Her sponsor, Lady Oswald, wife of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, will be guest of honour at the commissioning ceremony.

● The frigate is pictured before her acceptance into service at Portsmouth.

HOSPITAL CHEER FOR KIDS NORTH OF THE BORDER

PICTURE this! Four of the ship's company from HMS Glasgow were certainly 'framed' recently when they presented a painting of the ship to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, in Yorkhill, Glasgow.

The painting, by Southsea-based marine artist Gabrielle Russwurm, had been on show in the Royal Academy, London and was donated in recognition of the Type 42 destroyer's fund-raising activities for the hospital.

Now it will hang at the entrance to HMS Glasgow's affiliated ward, Ward 7A.

Pictured, right, with Dr. Brenda Gibson and patients Kirsten Shaw and Caroline McMicken are, from left, CPOCK Kevin Flanagan, Sub-Lieut. Ned Flaxman, and

Lieuts. Mark Ellis and Stewart Bankier.

Meanwhile, children from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh also received a well-deserved boost from the ship's company of HMS Cottesmore.

The mine countermeasures vessel have only recently adopted Ward 4 and so far they have raised £500 from their last Gulf deployment.

Further sponsored events have been planned and some of the more able children were invited to a pirate party onboard.

Pictured below with patients and staff from Ward 4 are, from left, SEA(MW) Westbrook, SEA(MW) Hankin, Lieut. Poole, LS(MW) Chapman, AB(MW) Wyatt and CPO(D) Egginton.



Helping Hands

Cumbrian walk

WAR hero and charity worker Group Capt. Leonard Cheshire VC flew into Cumbria in December to start a unique 70-mile walk and run along the Cumbrian Way to Carlisle.

He met five servicemen who were sponsored for over £2,000 for his World War Memorial Fund.

The five Sgt. Colin Gillingham, RM, Major Steve Palfreyman, a TA Officer from Sheffield, Flt.-Lieut. Steve Baugh, LCpl. Jim Clune and Steve Brown, a civilian working at RAF Brize Norton, each carried a 65lb pack and ran the 16 mile stages in remembrance of

the First World War Battle of the Somme.

The pack weight commemorated the load carried by British soldiers during the battle and the 16 mile stages represented the length of the battlefield's front.

Group Capt. Cheshire started the marchers off by blowing a whistle similar to those that sent thousands of men over the top during the Somme offensive.

The aim of the fund is to raise £5 in recognition of the 80 million casualties of the two world wars, a staggering total of £400 million.

Wrens' big jump for Marine fund

LAST month we featured three Wrens who took part in a sponsored parachute jump in aid of the Royal Marines School of Music Relief Fund.

Unfortunately, the final total raised was reported incorrectly and we're now more than happy to set the record straight.

Wren WTRs Joanne Peet and Claire Munsey, of the Second Submarine Squadron, Devonport, and ALWren WTR Sue Groves, now of Dauntless Squadron, HMS Raleigh, raised the magnificent amount of £1,436.

The money was presented to the FO (Plymouth) RM Band at a concert in aid of the Relief Fund.

Money talks!

WHEN the staff of the Radar Procedures Ground Trainer at 750 Squadron, RN air station Culdrose, found they had a couple of hours spare time they decided to put them to good use.

Student programming sometimes means the RPTG (a Jet-stream student console simulator) is quiet for short periods of time.

So the RPTGO, Lieut.-Cdr. Mike Chirnside, suggested some form of fund-raising activity would be in order.

The RNIB Talking Books Service was agreed upon as the charity to be adopted and with £500 needed to sponsor a new title a team relay swim was organised, raising £370.

With some of the money invested in the production of Christmas decorations 750 Squadron now hope they'll exceed their original target.

Hill, of the Royal Australian Navy, accompanied by Lieut. David Grindel, handed over the cheque to the principal, Martin Overton.

The spirit of Christmas was also in evidence at HMS Dolphin when a group of Wren carol signers sang their way around the establishment.

Over £250 was raised for their adopted charity, the Dolphin Ward at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, proving the singers were all in fine voice.

Just before Christmas, at the FONAC HQ, Yeovil, Group Capt. K. G. Bennett made a seasonally generous £500 presentation to the Fleet Air Arm Benevolent Trust.

The cheque, accepted by Commodore Jimmy James, FONAC's Chief of Staff, was part of a larger amount collected for various charities by personnel at RAF Swanton Morley.

The naval part of Group Capt. Bennett's unit, the RN Data Flight, traditionally runs the beer tent at the station's annual Open Day and donates the profits to the charities fund, so in recognition of this involvement the station charity committee decided to make a contribution to a naval fund.

The Naval Regulating Staff Mess, Gibraltar, and the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (William Tilley Lodge) present-

ed a cheque for just over £1,254 to the maternity ward of the Royal Naval Hospital, Gibraltar.

The money was raised from various charity events, including an ambulance pull up Main Street which raised over £600 in an hour, and will be used to provide much-needed equipment for the care of newly-born babies.

Babies in the Special Care Unit at Ayrshire Central Hospital are also benefiting thanks to the efforts of the WOs and Senior Rates Mess at HMS Gannet.

A horse-racing video night raised £828 which will go towards buying special equipment for the unit.

Strathblane Children's Home in Blanefield is £1,483 better

off thanks to the Senior Rate Wrens at the Clyde Submarine Base.

They organised a sponsored cycle, walk or run around the base.

The final lap was completed after they had covered 140 miles but the fund-raising didn't stop there.

The energetic ladies proceeded to the Senior Rates Mess at HMS Neptune where they continued to rattle their collecting boxes while dancing the night away.

'Toy boys' from RNXS

CHRISTMAS came early at the Children's Ward at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, when members of the Margate Unit, RN auxiliary service, arrived with toys.

Money for the gifts came from various fund-raising activities and from money in lieu of flowers at the funeral of the late Mr Cyril Sampson, father of two of the unit's members.

Superintendent Nursing Officer Lynne Nelly accepted the gifts on behalf of the ward, assisted by one of the patients, 10-year-old Barry Rutley, and the unit enjoyed a short tour of the hospital followed by afternoon tea.

Panto cash

THERE was a distinct naval air about the Kings Theatre, Southsea when sailors and their families turned out for the annual Navy Night at the panto.

Dick Whittington and his friends, alias Lorraine Chase and TV's Boon, Michael Elphick, entertained a packed audience.

And even though there were a few seats vacant over £1,500 from ticket sales and raffle proceeds was raised in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.

Sceptre's pedal-pushers on the road to Wigan



CREWMEN from the submarine HMS Sceptre swapped their sea-legs for cycles to raise money for handicapped people.

As Wigan is their affiliated town they decided to help two local schools for the handicapped.

And so a team of eight men from the Faslane-based submarine pedalled all the way from the Clyde Submarine Base to the Lancashire town.

After their gruelling 279 mile journey a grand total of £1,200 was raised for the Rosehill and Montrose Special Schools.

"It was well worth it," said a spokesman for the team, pictured in front of HMS Sceptre at Faslane being congratulated by the boat's commanding officer, Cdr. John Milnes.

Over the last year staff and trainees at HMS Raleigh have collected almost £3,000 for their 1989 adopted charity, the Churchdown Farm Field Studies Centre.

The centre was opened in 1975 by The Spastics Society to provide field study and adventure courses for children and adults with all kinds of disability.

While the centre held its annual Christmas Fair Cdr. John

HOT SHOTS!

A spectacular shot of the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible (right) firing a Sea Dart missile in the Puerto Rican exercise area.

After visiting the naval base at Norfolk, Virginia, the Invincible is taking part in a major United States national fleet exercise.

Also participating are other British ships, Canadian ships, and NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

While the Invincible was in Mayport Naval Base, Florida, many families flew out to join their menfolk.

Also included on the flight were the fiancées of two ratings from Invincible, LCaterer Ian Tempest and Ck Dean Mason. The two couples were married at Lake Region Country Club, Dundee, Orlando.

Dundee, Orlando.

Below: another winning photograph from the first RN Amateur Photographic Competition — "Birds Away", which gave LS(EW) C. N. Hanby the first prize of £250.

Hanby photographed the launch of a Sea Dart missile from the Type 42 destroyer HMS Gloucester at dusk in the South West approaches.

Other prizewinners were: POAEM(M) B. Flewitt, HMS Daedalus (3rd prize and a highly commended); Surg-Lieut. M. N. Parrish, RNH Haslar (2nd prize); and Lieut.-Cdr N. Huxtable, RNSETT, HMS Nelson and AB(D) Prescott, HMS Keddleston (highly commended).

The competition was sponsored by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd and attracted 111 entries.



Outback souvenir

COMMISSION books come in many styles, but a new one from HMS Ark Royal hits a particularly high standard of presentation.

It covers the activities of the Ark from February 1987 until her return in December 1988 from the Outback deployment which took her to the Far East and to Australia for the Bi-Centennial celebrations.

Lavishly illustrated and handsomely bound, the book — co-ordinated by Lieut.-Cdr. Stan Woznicki — is available from Lieut. D. A. Knight, HMS Ark Royal, BPPO Ships, at £10 (including postage and packing). Cheques are payable to "HMS Ark Royal Central Fund." There is a discount for men serving in the carrier at the time.



Dredger rescue trio praised

THREE seamen from the minesweeper HMS Upton have received Commander-in-Chief's commendations for their bravery while rescuing men from gale tossed seas.

Marines' Freedom

THERE was a warm Georgie welcome for the Royal Marines when Commandant General RM, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Martin Garrod accepted the Freedom of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne on their behalf.

After accepting the scroll from the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Terence Cooney, the Band of the HM Royal Marines FOSNI led units from 45 Commando Group and the Royal Marine Reservists on a march through the city.

Later that evening Lieut.-Gen. Sir Martin Garrod officially opened Anzio House, the new home of the Royal Marines Reserve Tyne.

The Upton responded to a mayday call from the dredger Bowsprite which broke in two and sank during a severe westerly gale. Conditions made it impossible to launch a boat and men from the Upton had to enter the sea to rescue survivors.

Exhausting

The condition of the men in the sea was very poor and as each survivor was recovered ship's swimmers were forced to remain in the water, constantly being swamped by salt water and diesel fuel and battered against the rolling ship's side.

Commendations go to the three seamen who braved the waves — Seaman David Bayliss; LS Stephen Webster; and AB Gary Knight.

Describing the rescue as extremely exhausting, exacting and difficult, the citation says the action of the three men in entering the water with little or no regard for their own safety was in the highest traditions of the Service.

Extremely exhausting, exacting and difficult, the citation says the action of the three men in entering the water with little or no regard for their own safety was in the highest traditions of the Service.

Sent to a watery grave

DURING a stop at Gibraltar the Type 22 frigate HMS Battleaxe helped to mop up the Rock after three weeks of torrential rain.

CPOs Adrian Byrne and Chris Sharpe, POMA Squirrel Campbell and MEMs Solly Solomon and Buck Taylor made a valiant attempt to pump out the main cemetery, which was under several inches of water.

Using a Hathway pump and later the ship's Rover gas turbine, the group made some progress but were finally beaten because the rain did not stop — and who was going to stay in the graveyard after dark?

Atherstone has good hunting

The ship's company of the mine countermeasures vessel HMS Atherstone was delighted with its success in hunting and then recovering more than 20 submarine-laid exercise mines off the west coast of Scotland.

But not all has been work and while the ship was berthed in Hull members of the crew visited their namesake town of Atherstone in North Warwickshire.

Led by their Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Cdr John Long, the men visited the Atherstone Hunt, two local schools and the Scout unit.

After a civic reception the Mayor, Councillor Ken Wainwright, presented LCook Andrew Wagstaff with two brace of pheasants for the duty watch dinner.

During a visit to a centre for the physically disabled, Lieut.-Cdr Long presented a cheque for £70, raised by CCMEA(M) Martin Lloyd during a sponsored "shave off."

Later in the week more than 60 people from Atherstone travelled the 130 miles to Hull to visit the ship.

Talent error spotted

IN the January issue of Navy News we referred to HMS Talent as the last of the Trafalgar class submarines being built by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd at Barrow-in-Furness.

In fact, she is the second to last of the class. The Triumph, also under construction, is due to be launched later this year.

Rooke's Sword of Peace



HMS Rooke, the Gibraltar naval establishment, has received the Wilkinson Sword of Peace, in recognition of "Outstanding efforts in fostering good relations with the local community."

Since 1966 Wilkinson Sword Limited have sponsored a special award, known as the Sword of Peace, given annually to a unit from each of the three Armed Services.

During 1988 the naval community in Gibraltar, under the collective name of HMS Rooke, made considerable efforts to reinforce its harmonious relationship with the people living on the Rock.

Many projects of redecoration and refurbishing were completed, charity functions were held and funds distributed to local charities. Facilities were made available for sporting and social functions.

The Sword of Peace was presented by Mr. Gordon Ross, a director of Wilkinson Sword Limited, to Cdr. Richard Mitchell, Commanding Officer of HMS Rooke, at a special ceremony in the establishment.

Mr. Ross and Cdr. Mitchell are pictured with the Senior Officer, Gibraltar Squadron, Lieut.-Cdr. Geoff Hoyle, talking to WRNR (Diver) Karen McKirdy, on two months' training from Forth Division, RNR.

Returned to life with the lions

THE MINE countermeasures vessel HMS Middleton had a musical homecoming from a four-months deployment with the Standing Naval Force Channel with Cpl. Lachlan Murray, of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, playing his bagpipes on the bridge roof.

During her spell with the NATO force the Middleton steamed more than 7,000 miles, visiting 15 ports in six European countries.

Sailing under a Dutch Commander, the force varied in size between four and eight ships of different nationalities. During exercises the Middleton was able to hunt 19 exercise mines.

Members of the crew spent time in other ships of the squadron experiencing at first hand how their NATO counterparts live and work. There was time for sport and recreation during weekends spent in harbour.

The ship found herself on hand to assist when two oil tankers collided off the Humber Estuary. She acted as Scene of Action Commander to co-ordinate the firefighting and rescue efforts.

After Christmas leave the Red Lions of the First MCM Squadron were back on the Middleton's funnel as she prepared for a busy four months before starting a refit in May.

Shore billet gapping hits ME training



SINCE the last ME branch article in June, the manpower shortfall, particularly at Able Rate level, continues to dog the scene. Gapping in some shore billets is still a problem, particularly in the Portsmouth area, where a shortage of Artificers is also presenting training problems.

Unfortunately, there are still more West Country preferees than jobs available, so inevitably a few ratings will have to spend some time 'non-pre' during their shore service.

Drafty obviously regrets having to do this but, it is important to balance the manpower books, particularly when training courses have to be cancelled due to non-availability of instructors.

However, anyone who does draw the non-pre short straw will be very favourably looked upon for his subsequent draft.

Recently, sporadic gapping at sea has been necessary in Mechanic "L" billets, due solely to a lack of men. This situation is hopefully a short term problem since recruiting has recently improved and more ratings are being extracted from the training pipeline for "L" streaming.

It is Drafty's policy to get out and about to meet as many of our customers as possible, in conjunction with Captain Naval Drafting's "Drafty's Roadshow". Commanding Officers, Divisional Officers and Divisional Senior Ratings are also actively encouraged to pay HMS Centurion a visit to discuss their men at first hand.

Experience has shown that such a visit does save work and time and, most importantly, the individuals under discussion benefit personally more often than not.

Pre-release Vocational Training

From comments made by many of you on your Drafting Preference Cards regarding PRVT, there seems to be some misunderstanding of both the eligibility and time allowed for such courses.

Whilst Drafty will get you relieved from a sea job in good time before your TX date, he is very rarely able to set aside time to draft a man for resettlement training.

The majority of you will find yourself drafted to your shore preference area, where you will have to negotiate with your local employer to spare you from your duties to undertake such training.

So, be careful before you enter into any resettlement training commitments, as a Senior Rate recently discovered to his horror when, for service reasons (ERP), he was unable to attend a resettlement course that he had paid for in advance!

Waiting time for MEACC

Both rosters for "M" and "L" streams are at present DRY. Ratings who are being selected now for Artificer Candidate are being drafted to the course commencing 20 June 1990.

Combating terrorism

The need for ships to defend themselves against terrorists at all times, both in the UK and abroad, has meant that MEMs too must



Drafty

Clanky's Corner

be trained to play their part in this important whole ship activity.

To prepare men for this additional task a significant proportion will be allocated to one, or in some cases, both the courses held at HMS Cambridge or HMS Nelson (Whale Island). Each course runs for five days.

So far only MEM Junior Ratings who have to complete this PJT before taking up a draft to sea are being trained.

Small ships offer big rewards

There is always a requirement for MEMs M and L to serve in the "small ships Navy", which is predominantly Scottish based, although billets do exist elsewhere but in small numbers, eg Portsmouth, Gibraltar and Northern Ireland.

If you want a challenge and enjoy working as part of a small team with the associated responsibility then make it your preference for Sea Service on your DPC.

Also include supporting remarks in the section of your DPC where you are invited to state points that you would like to be considered.

Positive support

Before being eligible you need a strong recommend from your Divisional Officer, stating that you have the necessary qualities to fulfill this task (BR 14 0615.3).

DOs are reminded that if a man does seek to serve in Minor War Vessels, to be successful the request does need your positive support.

More jobs at Faslane

The shoreside support aspects of submarine maintenance are already heavily subsidised by General Service ratings at Faslane, to the tune of 71 Artificers and 82 MEMs. This requirement will increase next year with the advent of the Trident Synchronlift facility, when a further 8 Artificers and 24 MEM billets will be coming onto the plot.

The jobs are rated as interesting, challenging and varied and will have to be filled — volunteers would be infinitely preferred to pressed men, so get your updated C230/C240 in now!

Be an ADQUAL star

As announced in the last ME article for the Navy News, a rating will now only be drafted for ADQUAL training if he specifically requires the course to do his next job, as laid down in the Scheme of Complement.

ACES deal a strong hand

MEMs who consider that they have Artificer potential should be looking to the Artificer Candidates Early Selection (ACES) scheme, announced in DCI(RN) 3/89.

This allows MEMs an opportunity to bypass the traditional system whereby selection for Artificer Candidate could only be achieved at the Leading Rates' Qualifying Course or beyond. Now, if you have obtained a full AMC, possess NAMET 3:3 or better and have completed one year's sea time then you are in a position to apply to become an "ACE".

If this appeals then see your DO for further information. So far 9 MEMs have been selected by the board at SULTAN for this scheme. MEMs(M) should note and take up the challenge

for, thus far, all have been MEM(L) — surely there must be some worthy Ms out there to change this trend?

DNMT(E) has agreed to implement the proposal to extract SD ME and MESM Officers at the CPOMEA level. Details of the scheme are now being worked on and a DCI will be published in Spring 1990 announcing the details, together with the new Electro-Mechanical syllabi for the Qualifying Professional Examinations in 1991. DCI(RN) 285/89 also refers. The scheme, which will align the ME's with their AE and WE counterparts, is aimed at being fairer to the potential ME or MESM candidates as well as providing an opportunity for younger SDs to compete for transfer to the General List.

However, on completion of certain ADQUALS ratings records will be annotated "ADQUAL*", which means that within six months of course completion they are to be employed on duties utilising their training for at least a 12 month consolidation period.

The star will be removed when MEOs report a satisfactory completion of this 12 month period to CND. If these requirements are not met, the ADQUAL qualification will be deemed to be void and struck off the record.

The ADHULL course

From September 1990 the ADHULL course will be reduced in length from 22 to 15 weeks and will take place three times a year. The course is open to all Artificers, but the Fitters and Turners among you will need to complete a 7 week enabling module prior to the course start date.

In order to meet the ADHULL requirements, all 16 places need to be filled — again, plenty of volunteers, rather than pressed men, please!

The bonus for those who complete the course is a period of 12 months journeyman's time in the FMG of their choice.

RNR billets

For that period of shore time away from the traditional port areas, why not consider spending some time working with the RNR? The following units have billets as stated, so DPCs at the ready:

RNR Clyde (Glasgow) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR Com-centres (Preston and Swansea) — POMEM(M), no Tiffs; RNR Forth (Edinburgh) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR London (London) — CMEM(M), POMEM(L), 1 x CPOMEA; RNR London (Portsmouth) — 1 x CPOMEA, no MEMs; RNR Mersey (Liverpool) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR Severn (Bristol) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR Solent (Southampton) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), 2 x CPOMEAs; RNR South Wales (Barry Island) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Sussex (Hove) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Tay (Dundee) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Tyne (Gateshead) — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 1 x CPOMEA; RNR Ulster — CMEM(M), CMEM(L), MEM(L), 2 x CPOMEAs; RM Poole — CMEM(M), POMEM(M), LMEM(M), MEM(M), POMEM(L), LMEM(L), MEM(L), 1 x CCMEA, 1 x CPOMEA.

Awaiting time for LRQC:

LMEM(M) — 16 months from passing PPE.

LMEM(L) — 36 months from passing PPE.

From October 1989 an additional "L" course is being run to reduce the waiting time.

FES — don't panic!

Tiffs may have read about the planned reorganisation of the Fleet Engineering Staffs. There is no need to panic! Whilst some jobs are being reallocated, they are all mainly within their present location and no one will be moving involuntarily out of preference areas.

In essence, Drafty is treating the moves as PQ no changes only and will not "re-start the clock" for shore time, although some ERDs may have to be adjusted to provide continuity.

High Duty Pipe Welders

In order to support the 39 HDPW billets there is a continuing need to train a small number of men (about four a year), so volunteers are still needed. The billets are at: Defiance (20); Dolphin (4); FOST (1); Neptune (12); Portsmouth (1) and 1 in NP 2010 (4 months duration only).

The Team

ME Drafting Commander — Cdr Mike Broadbent (ext 2574); WO- (MEM/MEA) and FSD's — CPOWTR Kev Hamlyn (ext 2152/2574); MEA Drafting Officer — Lt Cdr Doug Roberts (ext 2572); CC and CPOMEA ML/EL — POWTR Tony Aris (ext 2578) and ALWREN WTR Corinne Donkin (ext 2576); POMEA and JR's ML/EL — CCMEA Toby Tyler (ext 2515); MEM Drafting Officer — Lt Cdr John Fisher (ext 2514); CMEM and POMEM (M/L) — POWTR John Bartram (ext 2577); LMEM (M/L) and MEACC — POWREN WTR Jacqui Morgan (ext 2514); MEM (M/L) (SEA) — POMEM(M) Shep Woolham (ext 2578); MEM (M/L) (SHORE/LRQC) — LWREN WTR Jo Llewellyn (ext 2578); WREN WTR L Widdows.

REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD NAVY



- AN ORIGINAL PRESENT. A mounted and framed photograph of your old ship printed from an original large format negative (excellent quality) to enhance your hall, lounge, bar, den, etc.
- We have been photographing ships of all nationalities and types from the early 1920's to the present day, including R.F.A.'s, R.M.A.S., R.N.V.R. and P.A.S.
- Fill in the name of your ship and the year(s) you were on board (see box below) and we are 95% certain we can supply you with a keepsake that will be treasured for years to come.
- A 12" x 7" hand-printed photograph mounted on a special 14" x 10" mount complete with black cushion (¾" ebony moulding) 14" x 10" frame with glass ready for hanging or free-standing. £23.95 each inclusive of VAT and Post.
- Captions heat embossed in gold script can be printed underneath — please add £4.00 per photograph.
- We were not in business from 1939-1945 but can usually supply a photograph taken immediately before or after this period.
- Delivery approximately 14 days from receipt of your order.

PLEASE PRINT NAME OF SHIP AND DATE

£23.95

Caption(s) required <input type="checkbox"/>		TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/>
--	--	--------------------------------

WRIGHT & LOGAN (Est. 1924)

20 Queen Street, Portsmouth PO1 3HL. Tel: (0705) 829555

Telephone your order in with credit card number



Intrepid delivers the goods!

ASSAULT ship HMS Intrepid together with her sister ship, HMS Fearless, form the nucleus of British amphibious capability.

Built by John Brown (Clydebank), she commissioned in 1967. At that time, the Intrepid and the



Fearless were the largest Royal Navy vessels to have been designed and built since the Second World War. They can still claim to be the tallest ships in the Service.

Virtually a streamlined floating dock, the Intrepid is able to land both Army and Royal Marines units and act as a headquarters ship during amphibious operations.

Her complement numbers some 600, including the men of the 6th Assault Squadron RM. In addition she can accommodate some 400 troops with their tanks, vehicles and heavy equipment and for short periods a further 300 soldiers can be carried.

She lands her Army units by landing craft. There are four Landing Craft Utility (LCU), which fit into the large, rear

dock and can carry tanks, lorries and specialist beach equipment. Also there are four Landing Craft Vehicle and Personnel (LCVP), which are carried on davits along the ship's sides.

The Intrepid's dock can be rapidly flooded and the stern gate lowered to allow the LCUs to sail in or out.

Above it is a large helicopter flight deck, fully equipped for around-the-clock flying. The Intrepid does not carry her own helicopters but embarks RN, Army or RAF aircraft.

For her role as headquarters ship, the Intrepid has an assault operations room and a ship's operations room. Her main machinery consists of steam turbines in two self-contained units, each driving one shaft and giving a top speed in excess of 20 knots.

With an overall length of 160m, the Intrepid's beam is almost 25m and she displaces 12,000 tons. Defensive armament consists of two Seacat surface-to-air missile systems, two 40mm Bofors guns, four 30mm (two twin) and two 20mm Oerlikon guns.

Another of HMS Intrepid's roles is as Dartmouth Training Ship, embarking up to 150 midshipmen for nine week training cruises.

As well as the young officers, engineering apprentices often have their first naval sea experience on board HMS Intrepid.

This year will be another busy one for the ship before a decision on her future is taken. Amphibious exercises in Norway and the Mediterranean will certainly provide a contrast.



Above: HMS Intrepid has proved her worth time and again during more than 20 years in service, not least during the Falklands War.

BATTLE HONOURS

Lagos 1758 Quiberon Bay 1759 Havana 1762 St Kitts 1782 Martinique 1809 Zeebrugge 1918 Atlantic 1939-41 Dunkirk 1940 Bismarck 1941 Norway 1941-42 Arctic 1941-43 Malta Convoys 1942 Sicily 1943 Salerno 1943 Aegean 1943 Falkland Islands 1982.

Facts and figures

Displacement: 12,120 tons (full load). Length: 158.5m. Beam: 24.4m. Draught: 6.2m (9.8m flooded). Propulsion: two geared steam turbines; 22,000 shp. Speed: 21 knots. Range: 5,000 miles at 20 knots. Missiles: two Seacat. Guns: two Bofors 40mm; four Oerlikon 30mm (two twin); two Oerlikon 20mm. Radars: Surface search Plessey Type 994. Navigation: Kelvin Hughes Type 1006. Helicopters: Platform for five Sea King Mk 4. Operational: Fitted out as a Naval Assault Group/Brigade Headquarters with an Assault Operations Room from which naval and military personnel can mount and control the progress of an assault operation.

POSTCARDS of Ships of the Royal Navy are obtainable at 50p each (minimum order £1.50) from Navy News, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth PO1 3HH. An order for 12 cards is priced at £5.50, and a standing order for the supply of each of 12 cards on publication can be arranged on receipt of £10. Prices include postage and packing, and postcards will be despatched on receipt of stamps, postal order or cheque. No postcards are stocked of ships which paid off before 1956.

● WHOOPS! You may have noticed that last month we featured a second Ship of the Royal Navy No. 409. If ordering a postcard relating to feature No. 409, please specify HMS Arrow or HMS Ariadne.

HEROIC WARTIME ROLE ENDED BY LUFTWAFFE

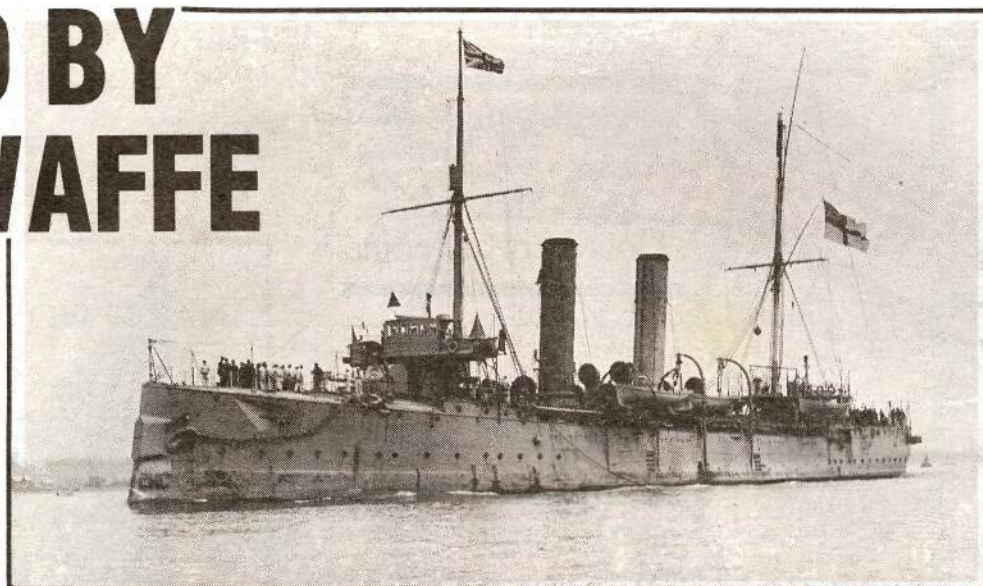
HMS Intrepid's French motto *Cela va sans dire* means "That goes without saying" and her intrepid history bears testimony to her right to it.

The most distinguished naval record is held by the present ship's predecessor, an I class destroyer of 1,370 tons launched in December 1936. Her service during the Second World War included Dunkirk, the Bismarck action and the Malta convoys.

She was eventually sunk by the Luftwaffe in Leris Harbour, in the Dodecanese, in September 1943.

The first HMS Intrepid started life as the French *Serieux*. She was taken by the Royal Navy off Finistère in 1747.

The second was a third rate and won battle honours in 1782 (St Kitts) and 1809 (Martinique) before being



Above: The cruiser and minelayer Intrepid, destined to be sunk as a blockship at Zeebrugge in 1918.

sold in 1820.

In 1850 the Royal Navy bought the 342 ton sloop *Free Trade* and commissioned her as the Intrepid. She took part in Capt. Austin's expedition to the Arctic 1850-51 and Cdr. F. L. McClintock's expedition there in 1854. She was abandoned in the ice.

The next HMS Intrepid was an 862 ton gun vessel built in Blackhall by Wigram in 1855.

An Apollo class 2nd class cruiser of 3,600 tons followed. This HMS Intrepid was built in Glasgow and launched in 1891. In 1910 she was converted to a minelayer and served in the

First World War. She was sunk as a blockship at Zeebrugge in April 1918.

The present HMS Intrepid won her battle honours in the Falklands campaign. In view of the vital role she and her sister ship, HMS Fearless, played in this operation a decision taken in 1981 to lay them up was revoked.

Help! Need it Delivered Tomorrow? See Below* **Single Valentines Rose £1.50 With our Valentines Balloons**

Messages and Roses

We now have in stock a complete range of tasteful greetings cards. Just let us know the occasion and your message and leave it to us. children's birthdays, we need to know the child's new age, boy or girl, and we will send the appropriate card with your order. There is no charge for this service.

LUXURY BOUQUETS
Chrysanth, Lilies, Carnations, Gypsophila Greenery..... £18.50
Chrysanth, Lilies, Gypsophila Greenery..... £15.50
Chrysanth, Carnations, Gypsophila Greenery..... £14.50
Spray Carnations, Freesia, Ferns..... £13.50

DUTCH FREESIA
40 Long stem Freesias..... £18.50 20 Long stem Freesias..... £10.50

DUTCH OR CHANNEL ISLE ROSES
(8th Feb - 15th Feb 60 pence premium per rose)
10 Long stem Roses: Red or Pink..... £12.50
12 Long stem Roses: Red or Pink..... £14.50

18" HELIUM MESSAGE BALLOONS £10.50
All balloons are sent draped in ribbon, packed in tissue, inside a deluxe presentation box.

VALENTINE BALLOONS
0670 Be My Valentine 0730 You Captured My Heart
0634 I Love You 0252 You Bring Out The Devil In Me
0100 I Really Like You 0673 Happy Valentines

SINGLE ROSES SENT WITH BALLOONS ONLY
SR1 Single Rose and fern £1.50 SR2 Hand made silk Rose and fern £2.50

OTHER OCCASIONS 18" TALL £10.50

0741 Happy Mother's Day 0636 It's A Girl 0225 Thank You
0666 Happy Birthday 0620 Get Well Soon 1638 Don't Worry Be Happy
0250 I'm Sorry 0746 Happy Father's Day 0635 It's A Boy
0084 Miss You 0638 Happy Birthday Dad 0617 Happy Anniversary

CHILDRENS BALLOONS 18" TALL £10.50
0148 Mickey Mouse 0421 Bugs Bunny 1133 Roger Rabbit
0146 Mickey & Minnie 0422 Tweety & Sylvester 0123 Cookie Monster
0141 Donald Duck 0652 Happy Birthday (Clown) 0142 Pooh Bear
0166 Tom & Jerry 0375 Happy Birthday To You 0117 Get Well Soon

ORDERING BY POST
Send credit card details or cheque payable to: MESSAGES AND ROSES LTD., DEPT. NN3, FREEPOST, LONDON W2 1BR.

We need your address, recipients address, your message, and is greeting card needed? We will confirm your order by return post

BY PHONE 01 724 7550 or 01 724 0338

Visa and Mastercards accepted

*A telephone call before Noon will get your order dispatched that morning 1st class letter post



Letters



'Trough' brings more temptation

IN a Commons reply (reported in your December edition), it was stated that at June 30 last year the Navy had a manpower shortfall of 786. As one of the remainder, may I say it feels much, much more!

Then it goes on to say there is a deliberate policy to increase efficiency even further by aiming manpower plans a "little below the full requirements". Yes, you can continue to do that, but those of us that are left to carry the burden are not going to bale you out indefinitely.

Job offers

I for one have received job offers, though I do not want to leave the Service, but they are becoming more tempting. These offers are a result of the forecast demographic trough.

I am a member of the Marine Engineering department and our workload at sea and in harbour is far more than should be expected in a peacetime Navy in 1990. But, "rush rush" demands are continually placed upon us to get it done, so that the hierarchy are not embarrassed and the Service is seen in a good light.

I do not disagree that we should try our hardest. But we should have tools and manpower to do the designated job —

and once we become overstretched, a reassessment should be made. This reassessment should bear in mind that industry sheds manpower and uses more machines — and hopefully from greater profits pays the remaining workforce higher wages. A substantial pay rise might help with retention.

Perhaps it will be said, "if you don't like it, then leave." And, of course, this will help with your reduced manning.

But I have enjoyed the Navy for 27 years — and write in the spirit of improving the sailor's lot. — CCMEA(P). Hants.

□ □ □

CONGRATULATIONS to CWEM(R) (December) for his accurate and personal description of the decline of our Royal Navy.

I wholeheartedly agree with what he said and cannot blame him for his choice to leave the Service early. I have served only 11 years but in that short time have noticed the changes he mentioned.

It seems to me too many decisions are dealt with in two ways: (a) Pending (b) Sloped off. This obviously happens outside the Services, too — but is this the type of life that people want? — B.L.E. Type 22.



A royal welcome in old Romania

WITH recent events in Romania in mind I thought the enclosed picture of the Main Square in Constanta in 1932 might be of interest.

HM ships Ceres and Colombo were there as part of 3rd C.S. cruise to the Black Sea in September that year.

Ships' companies were inspected by King Carol of Romania and on sailing we visited Varna in Bulgaria, where the ships' companies were inspected by King Boris.

We rejoined the Fleet anchored in the Greek islands, where the then Prince of Wales and Duke of York inspected the Fleet. — E. A. Tilley, Ex-Tel. HMS Ceres, St. Leonards, East Sussex.

Let software stop spread of title changes

CONCERNING the Communicators' title change, including the new ones of CPO(CY) and PO(RS) (letters January), if this is a case of drawing the branch into line with others, then surely I should now be a CPO(OPS)(CY) as Communicators are part of the larger Operations Branch.

Centurion indicated that the change would be restricted to draft orders only and did not constitute an actual change of rates, but already it has spread to pay statements and official correspondence from other units and Services.

Surely the cost of a computer software change to restore the titles would be negligible when one considers the improvement of morale and goodwill it would generate.

Recently there has been a television series in which the Army was proud to present the long-standing traditions of its regiments and the efforts being made to continue them.

The Royal Navy is also founded on traditions which are still relevant in the computer age and we should not let them die through bureaucracy. Remember it is us who control the computers, not the other way round.

So come on, — Centurion give the Communicators their identity and heritage back by restoring their previous rates. — CCY. HMS Mercury.

□ □ □

● HMS Centurion commented:

We are stuck with the fact that current databases are structured to have room for only 12 characters for rank abbreviation. Re-design to accommodate more characters would be at major cost.

Standard official abbreviations (ie in QRN and BR 1066) contain up to 17 characters — not including acting and local acting rates.

A need for standard translations for use in all RN computer systems was recognised in 1986 and the opportunity taken to rationalise computer translations across all branches as far as this could be agreed.

Communicators' translations are but a few of the some 1,700 involved and it was always realised some would be emotive.

Many MOD departments were consulted and MOD endorsement for introduction was given in March 1989 stressing that use was for computer purposes only, including output documents. This does not change the official abbreviations to be used in normal correspondence and on the Service Certificate.

Future system re-design would allow further review of abbreviations — and this would include proper consultation with the authorities involved.

Financial Service to the Services



Buying a car

Free
life cover

No
hidden charges

competitive
interest rates



New furniture

Naafi
WORLDWIDE
Finance

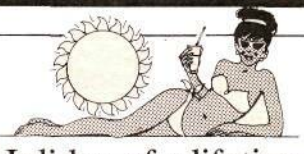
FINANCIAL SERVICES

Naafi



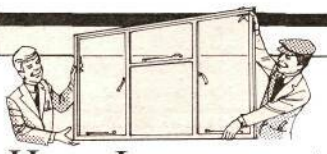
Buying a caravan

Deutschmark loans
for Germany posting



Holiday of a lifetime

D.M./Sterling
convertible loans



Home Improvements
(Double glazing etc.)

Now you can apply for a personal loan to finance those major items you've always promised yourself.

For further details, pick up a copy of the "Naafi Worldwide Finance" leaflet at your nearest Naafi or complete the coupon and send it to Financial Services (FS/C) Naafi FREEPOST Nottingham NG1 1BR.



NAAFI WORLDWIDE FINANCE

Would you please forward a copy of the Worldwide Finance Leaflet to me as soon as possible at the following address:

Name _____

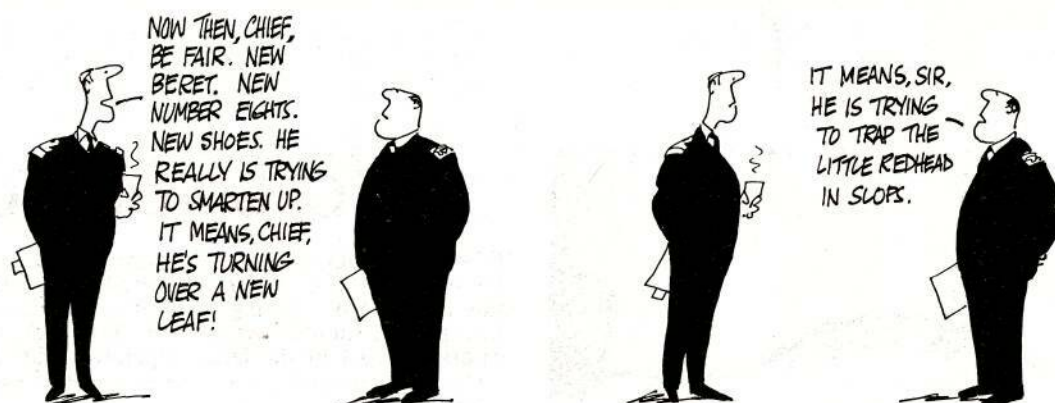
Address _____

Telephone _____

This coupon should be sent to:
Financial Services (FS/C) Naafi Freeport
Nottingham NG1 1BR

JACK

BY TOGL



Injury claims —looking for a clear steer

DURING a recent Seamanship evolution in a frigate undergoing sea training off Portland, there was an incident in which some members of the replenishment team sustained injuries ranging from broken limbs to severe bruising.

The cause of these injuries was a large wave which came over the frigate's bow and swept all personnel in its path against ship's fittings and screens. No ship's investigation was thought necessary.

On investigating the possibility of claiming compensation in the case of personal injuries I found it difficult to get clear information on the subject.

Complicated

QRRN's Chapter 77 Article 7706 titled "Report on Injury or Death" refers the reader to BR 1991 Instructions for the Royal Naval Medical Service. Both of these publications state that a MOD Form 298 Report of Injuries is to be completed at the time of the incident or at the earliest opportunity.

QRRN's Chapter 59 goes into complicated detail of various claims which would take a "legal eagle" to decipher but which would leave the layman still wondering what to do.

Is it not about time we let everyone know what he may be entitled to and how to claim that entitlement should he be unlucky enough to be injured, permanently or otherwise, while on duty? At present it is difficult to claim for such injuries and clear documentation is not available.

Patched up

Surely something of this sort should be displayed for all to see and learn about as are the Articles of War. All too often, injured personnel are patched up, made well and then sent back to work with no further action taken by Divisional Officers.

This letter is in no way a slight against Divisional Officers, many of whom may not be aware of contents of the Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Act 1987.

But perhaps someone can give us a little more simple information on a subject which will interest us all. — R. F. Hopkins, WO(Sea), Portland.

Details of the PAX optional personal accident insurance scheme, were provided in a recent DCI (as outlined in page 15).

The announcement also referred to the Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Act 1987, pointing out that it is now open to a member of the Armed Forces or his (or her) dependants to make a common law claim for damages in respect of injuries or illness or death arising from an incident on or after May 15 1987, and believed to have been caused by negligence on the part of one or more members of the Armed Forces when on duty, or on the part of the MOD or the Crown.

Damages

The announcement adds, "Any Service person who feels that he or she has a valid claim for damages arising from negligence occurring on or after May 15 1987 is advised to consult a civilian solicitor who will be able to offer advice and, if appropriate, pursue the claim on his or her behalf.

"Claims under the terms of the 1987 Act will be considered by MOD PL(LS) Claims, First Avenue House, High Holborn."

LETTERS to the Editor should always be accompanied by the correspondent's name and address, not necessarily for publication.

CAN ANYONE KEEP UP WITH CHIEF JONES?

THE letter from ex-PO G. K. Smeeton (January) prompted me to review the types of ship to which I was drafted during my 26 years service.

Your correspondent may well be right in wondering whether present-day drafts to and from similar ships might lack a certain anticipatory kick which I experienced.

The list, if anyone is interested in comparisons,

is: Aircraft carrier, battleship (gunnery target ship), battlecruiser, four cruisers, five destroyers, sloop, two minesweepers, PC74 (A/S training ship), trawler (mine experimental ship), four signal stations (home and abroad), and six shore depots.

In addition I took passage in a cruiser, two submarine depot ships, a flotilla leader, a troopship and seven liners. — R. D. Jones. Ex-CYS. Wootton Bridge, Isle of Wight.

Britain sensed in New Jersey

AS AN Englishwoman, living in my husband's country, it is always a delight to read Navy News.

From beginning to end it brings a wonderful sense of Britain, and I felt it proper to convey my pleasure and thanks. — Margaret Laurin Morrison, Fort Lee, New Jersey, USA.

TOO LATE TO RETURN...

IN December you published a letter from a former rating expressing his regret at leaving the Service. He says there must be many more people who made the same mistake.

I joined the Navy as a seaman at HMS Raleigh in 1964 at the age of 17. After a while I felt the Navy wasn't the life for me but at that time once you had signed there was no way out.

Despite my feelings I had some good times, some good runs ashore, and some good mates. After about a year, and serving in three establishments, I was released, mainly at my own insistence.

Disappointment

Being a little older and wiser in the following years I realised the mistake I had made so, having seen advertisements for the RNR, decided to apply. To my great disappointment, I never received a reply.

In 1984, having seen numerous advertisements in Navy News for the RNR, I decided to try again. I was invited for interview and aptitude tests which I completed successfully. By this time I was over the age limit of 33 but as I had been in the Navy I got the impression I had a reasonable chance of being accepted. But no.

I have some consolation in that my son has been in the RN for the past three years and seems content. Even so, I suppose I will always regret the mistake I made all those years ago and wonder what might have been had I stayed. — M. Poynton, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

Cracow's naval graves

REGARDING Mr. Fred Gee's item in "Over to You" (December issue) about naval graves in Cracow Cemetery, last year some 200 members of the National Ex-POs Association returned to Poland on a pilgrimage.

I laid naval wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Warsaw on the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of war and later at the Crosses of Sacrifice in Cracow, Poznan and Marlborough cemeteries; also at a memorial at West Platte. We also placed Royal British Legion crosses and poppies on every British grave in Poland — over 1,000.

There are in fact five, not three, naval graves in Cracow. There are also one RN and three MN graves in Marlborough and a further two RN graves in Poznan.

I have photographs of all these graves — with the exception of Leading Airfitter Chamberlain in Cracow — and will happily supply copies (please enclose sae). — J. Cook, Silver Birches, Horsell Birch, Horsell, Woking, Surrey.

Letters

High prices, warm hearts at Narvik

COULD I suggest to Mr. B. Hallas ("Let's go to Narvik," December) that if he enjoys a tippie and should ever make the trip, that he takes his own liquor with him!

We were over in Narvik (my wife's home town) last July and paid about £3 for a pint of lager and £2.50 for a short. Having said that, however, April 1990 will undoubtedly be quite an occasion as I was told that large groups are expected from both France and Germany.

British naval veterans of the two battles will no doubt be made very welcome, especially by the local populace.

On our visits every three years we never fail to visit Mrs. Petra Christiansen who sheltered and cared for 100 survivors from HMS Hardy after their icy swim ashore from the beached and burning destroyer.

She is a wonderful old lady (now in her 90s) and still lives in the large remote farmhouse at Virak on the Ballangen Road. — Bill Sanders. Ex-Seaman. Exeter.

Thanks to all other correspondents who wrote about Narvik and the war in Norway, including those concerning the suggestion of a commemorative visit by a British warship this year. — Editor.

True fate of the Ark —

AS a devout reader of the Navy News — and also an ex-member of Force H stationed at Gibraltar during 1941-43 on board HMS Hermione, could I make clear that the third Ark Royal (a capital unit of that force) was not sunk off Malta, as stated in January.

She had almost completed one of the many runs from Gib. (via Bomb Alley) to Malta and return, when she was torpedoed between 25 to 30 miles from her base at Gibraltar. — A. Norton. Ex-SBPO(D). Leyland, Lancs.

No ban — or a blind eye

REGARDING "Movies go to War" (December), to the best of my knowledge — and I joined before the war — the use of private cameras by naval personnel was not at any time

forbidden either at sea or on land.

At the Atlantic Charter meeting the Heads of State and their top brass posed specially for the amateur photographers on the quarterdeck of the Prince of Wales after Sunday church service.

If such a ban existed it was certainly never promulgated, observed or enforced. I and every wartime camera owner have the photographs to prove it. — P. D. Alley, Lieut-Cdr (retd.), Axmouth, Seaton, Devon.

— and birth of Achilles

YOUR January edition states that the old Achilles of River Plate fame originally commissioned in New Zealand in 1936. In fact the original Achilles was commissioned in Chatham Dockyard in 1933.

I joined her brand new there as a Boy Seaman from Ganges, until leaving in 1934 for the Renown. — H. C. P. Coe. Ex-GI. West Wimbledon, London.

NN Navy News

No. 427 35th year

Editorial and Business address: Barham Block, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth, Hants, PO1 3HH
Editor: John Tucker. Deputy Editor: Jim Allaway
Assistant editors: Lindy Clegg and Ruth Vernon
Business Manager: Mrs. Anne Driver

TELEPHONES

Editorial: 0705-822351 (Portsmouth Naval Base) extensions 24194 and 24163

Business (advertising, distribution and accounts): 0705-822351 ext. 24226

Additional direct line to all departments: 0705-826040.
Fax: 0705-830149



Action on board the Sir Tristram in the minor casualty bay. Surg.Lt.-Cdr. John Chapman RNR shares a joke with a "casualty" ably assisted by POEN(G) Kathy Lee QARNNS(R). The team is completed by three Medical Support Assistants — the new RNR "War medics."

ARROW SHO



● Above — LS (EW) Bruce Marriott (left) and AB (Radar) Paul Parker keep a close watch on HMS Arrow's radar displays as they search for drug smugglers.

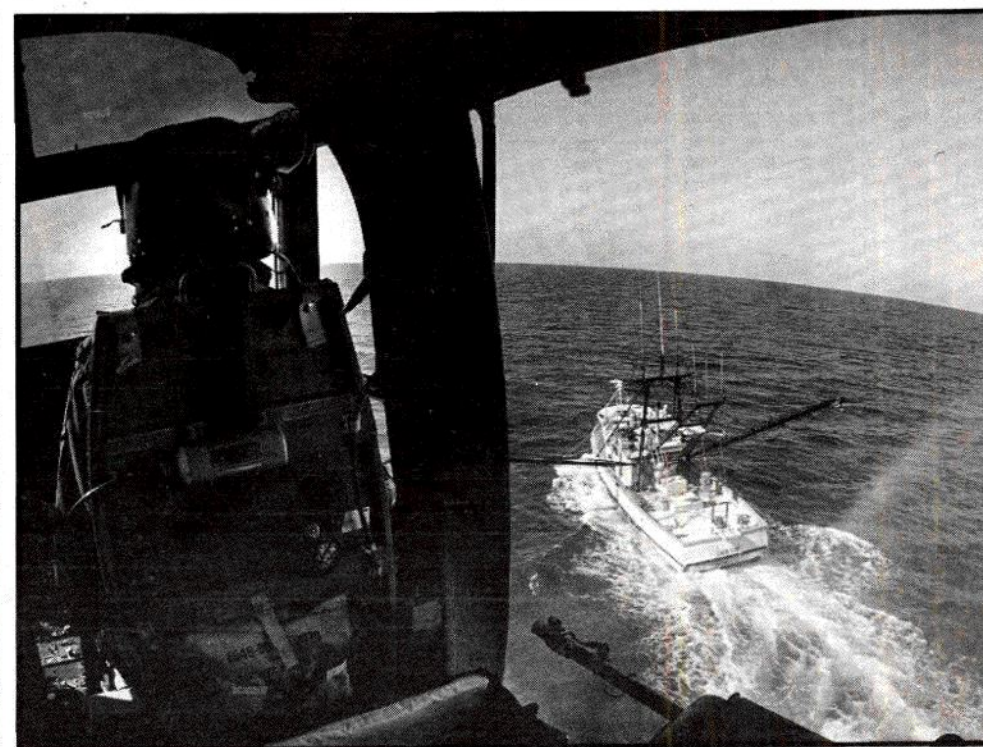
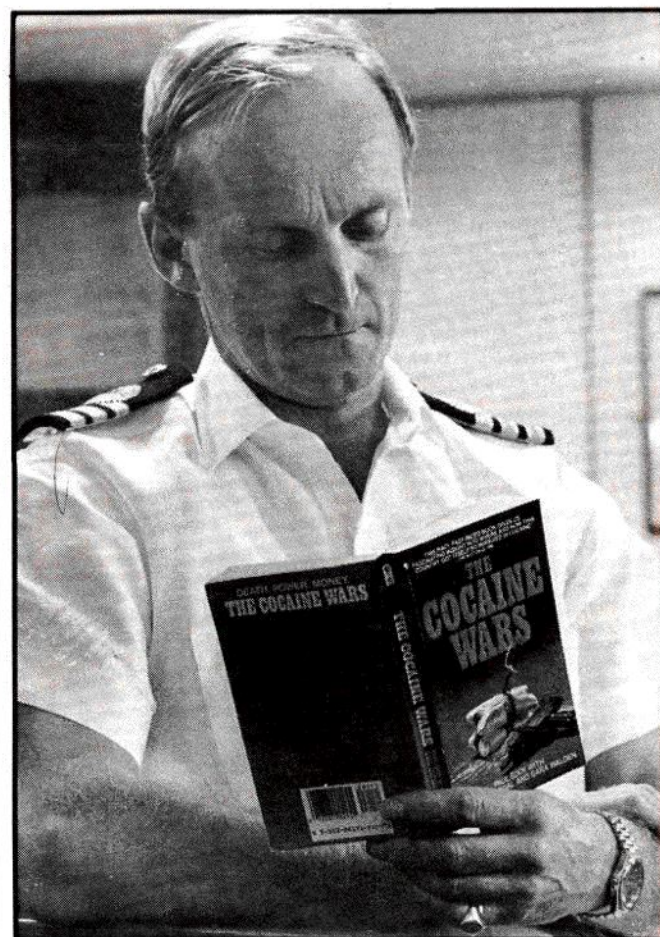
● Left — Cdr. Richard Davey, Commanding Officer of the frigate HMS Arrow, reads up on the subject during his ship's anti-drug operations off the Florida coast.

● Below left — Off the Florida coast the Arrow's Lynx helicopter identifies a contact prior to making a routine search. The frigate's deployment will take her around the West Indies and Central America before returning to Devonport in the Spring.

● Opposite, top — L Reg. Bob Duvall (right) and LS Robbie Whatton on watch on the bridge as HMS Arrow starts a week of anti-drug smuggling operations with the United States Coast Guard.

● Opposite, bottom — HMS Arrow rendezvous with the United States Coast Guard cutter Chincoateague at the start of a week's anti-drug smuggling operations.

Pictures by POA Stu Antrobus



Bedside manner of the new 'angels'

ROYAL Naval Reserve personnel "went to war" in an exercise staged on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary logistic landing ship Sir Tristram, rapidly converted to a hospital ship.

It provided an exciting and novel start to training RNR medics for their war task of manning casualty ships evacuating wounded, and their peacetime role of

assisting at major disasters at home or abroad.

The scenario for the exercise was to provide medical facilities for a Service-assisted evacuation of British nationals —

at short notice.

It tested the rapid mustering and deployment of an RNR afloat surgical team in a ship with little time for conversion. A further aim was to assess the suitability of the ship for use in a hospital role.

Casualties were flown on board by helicopter and sorted into priorities for treatment. Following treatment, the injured were selected for evacuation depending on urgency.

Casualties

Having embarked the medical team and stores the Sir Tristram left Marchwood Military Port and sailed through gales for the sheltered waters of the Humber Estuary, where the exercise took place.

Ashore at Pocklington Grammar School, a Sea King helicopter crew and support unit had set up an evacuation point. The "casualties" were provided by Pocklington School Combined Cadet Force, local Sea Cadets and Territorial Army personnel.

In two days 159 exercise "casualties" were flown to the Sir Tristram, admitted to the temporary hospital, and given treatment. After a hot meal they were returned ashore by the Sea King.

The exercise had particular value for the RNR Medical Support Assistants (MSAs) — the only members of the team who are not normally in medical ships converted for medical duties.

Success

The team of medical and nursing officers and ratings from the RN, RNR, QARNNS and QARNNS(R) worked together exceptionally well, ensuring that the "first of type" exercise was a success.

The exercise was organised and directed by the medical staff of the Commodore Amphibious Warfare, Commodore Brian Turner, and the officer in charge of the medical team was Surg.-Cdr. Alan Waterworth RNR, of HMS Forward.



Navy News

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE ROYAL NAVY

Every month packed with news and views of the Royal Navy

Available from your Newsagent price 20p or on subscription

For a UK subscription just send name, address and cheque/P.O. for

£8 for 12 months or £22.50 for three years

For subscribers overseas (including Republic of Ireland, Europe, Canada, U.S.A. and Australia) the remittance for surface mail delivery is

£9 for 12 months or £25.50 for three years

Payment by International Money Orders in £ sterling only please

Post your order and remittance to:



Name

Address

Post Code

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

If you are an existing subscriber to Navy News PLEASE DO NOT use this coupon

Month you wish to start

Existing subscribers will be notified when their subscription is due for renewal

NN/2/90

OTS THE COCAINE LINE

Guard ship puts in time to tackle the drug barons

THE Type 21 frigate HMS Arrow has been at the forefront of the battle to destroy the evil trade of the Colombian drug barons.

During her five months' deployment as West Indies Guard Ship the Arrow has spent two spells on drug patrol with United States Coast Guard vessels.

Active co-operation by the Royal Navy is a barometer of the Government's determination to help in the interception of cocaine and other drugs being smuggled between the Caribbean and Florida.

During her first tour with the US Coast Guard the frigate helped in the capture of the small vessel Beverly Anne laden with 14,000 lb of marijuana.

In December Arrow sailed from Miami to rendezvous with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels Resource and Olwen and join her second anti-drug patrol off the Florida coast.

Cdr. Richard Davey, the Arrow's Commanding Officer, said: "We would love to catch another Beverly Anne but even if we just deter drug-running for a time and make their life a little difficult it will be well worthwhile."

Street value

The expertise and technology of Royal Navy ships is used for surveillance and the detection of suspect ships. All raids and boardings are carried out by US Coast Guard crews.

The Arrow's Lynx helicopter is a vital weapon, extending the search beyond the range of the operations room radar.

In the first 24 hours of the patrol 38 sightings were reported to the Coast Guard but none proved to be carrying drugs.

That is the size of the task in waters in which small craft abound and just a few are manned by smugglers carrying consignments of cocaine which can have a street value in excess of £100m.

One investigator commented: "Although it may seem like looking for a needle in a haystack we have our successes — and the help of the Royal Navy is greatly appreciated."



FABULOUS VIDEO OFFER AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Collect this fantastic series of 13 videos with the minimum of hassle. To start you on your way we are offering:-

PARTS 1 & 2 FOR ONLY £9.99 PLUS P & P

Victory At Sea remains a timeless epic — a classic accorded television's highest honours. The stirring saga of the American and Allied naval operations during World War II is a comprehensive and authoritative visual history of the maritime struggle against Axis powers. This award-winning documentary series follows the taut and dramatic story of war on, over and under the sea. Much of the film includes German and Japanese captured footage. The dramatic episodes are woven together into a continuous narrative of the war at sea, interspersed with vignettes, both grim and humorous, of the seamen, soldiers, and civilians whose bravery and suffering constitute the very fabric of war.

Please complete the coupon below, Crescent Direct, 3 Primrose Mews, 1A Sharpleshall Street, London NW1
Registered in England, Registration no. 229473

To: Crescent Direct, FREEPOST, 3 Primrose Mews, 1A Sharpleshall Street, London NW1 0YQ

N290

Please send me Parts 1 & 2 of the videos Victory At Sea, at the special offer price of £9.99 plus £1.25 postage and packing. I enclose my cheque for £11.24 or please debit my Access or Visa account. I understand that the remaining videos in the 13-part series will be sent to me at approximately monthly intervals at the special price of £8.99 plus 75p postage and packing. I understand that I can cancel this commitment by giving you notice in writing at any time.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

Cheque enclosed _____ Access/Visa number _____

Signature _____

Please allow 28 days for delivery
FREEPOST — NO STAMP NEEDED

NN

(ORDERS NOT ACCEPTED WITHOUT A SIGNATURE)



People in the News



DASHED FINE WORK!

AN AWARD of £8,000 has been made to Lieut. Leslie Richmond for devising a computer-based trainer to teach Morse code to Naval Communicators.

Leslie first had the idea of replacing the Navy's obsolescent Morse code training equipment while instructing at HMS Mercury.

His system, first put on

trial in 1985, was accepted into full service a year later.

As well as stimulating interest in a subject which has been very difficult to teach, the new equipment has significantly increased quality control and reliability.

It provides over 60 hours of study — incorporating instruction, examination, marking and remedial work — and has proved so successful that the Navy has

been able to reduce the course by two weeks at the same time as achieving a better standard.

Interest in the system has been shown by a number of countries. Morse code is still taught in all NATO navies as the primary fall-back method of radiocommunication.

Still based at Mercury, Leslie was presented with his cheque by the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir Jeremy Black.

Dockyard worker receives award

MR JAMES Ayres has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for going to the rescue of an injured contract worker in Portsmouth Dockyard.

Jim was loading equipment into RFA Appleleaf, undergoing dry dock repairs, when an explosion ripped through the vessel. Mr Frank Lacey, a painter working 50ft up on scaffolding, was badly injured.

Spotting Frank clinging desperately to the scaffolding, Jim climbed to his aid, despite smoke, falling debris and the risk of further explosion. He administered first aid and stayed with Frank until help arrived.

The award was presented to Jim, who lives in Portsmouth, by Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command. It is believed to be the first time that a civilian working in the dockyard has received this award.

Frank, still being treated for extensive burns, travelled from Wales for the presentation to add his thanks.

Prized articles

Prizes have been awarded for the winning articles and photographs submitted for the spring edition of the new magazine Minewarfare and Diving.

Editorial prize — a copy of Jane's Fighting Ships — went to CPO(MW) Dixie Dean.

Lieut. John Giddens, HMS Challenger's diving officer, accepted the prize for the best photographs — a year's subscription to Jane's Defence Weekly — on behalf of the HMS Challenger diving team.

The prizes were presented by Capt. Paul Du Vivier, Captain T at HMS Dryad, on behalf of Jane's Information Group.

DOUBLE AWARD FOR NEW PILOT

NOT content with one trophy, Sub-Lieut. Scott Booker (23) went on to take a second for achievements during his flying training.

Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot Bell-Davies presented him with the Bell-Davies Trophy as the best anti-submarine warfare pilot of the year, at a ceremony held on board HMS Ark Royal.

The second award was the Kemsley Trophy, presented to the best student gaining the coveted pilot's wings.

Scott is currently serving with 820 Squadron, RN air station Culdrose.



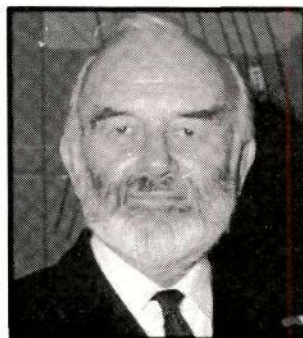
Peter signs off

D-DAY veteran Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Dinnis (65) has hung up his sword after 46 years service with the Royal Navy.

For the past 18 years Peter served "shoreside" at HMS Dryad. He was in charge of Cunningham Building, one of the School of Maritime Operations' key training centres.

He began Service life as a midshipman in 1943 and has served in 11 ships, including HMS Ramillies during the Allied invasion of Europe.

Peter's farewell gift, an engraved silver ice bucket, was presented to him by Capt. Anthony Provest, Captain SMOPS, Southwick.



The presentation took place in the room at Southwick where the invasion was masterminded, before the wall map used by General Eisenhower.



Present position...

- I am paying for food and accommodation.
- I have no investment for the future.
- I want the freedom of living ashore.
- I have to share facilities with other people.
- I am fed up with cleaning up for rounds.

1st time buyers now have something to smile about.

3 bedroom homes from
£45,995



For further information please contact Gribble, Booth & Taylor at the sales office from Thursday to Monday, 11.00am to 5.00pm on (0752) 607052.

at Trevithick Court, Plymouth

- Perfectly positioned for Naval personnel — 5 minutes walk from the dockyard.
- Superb views across The Sound.



With Bailey Homes...

- I could have no deposit to pay (worth £2,300).
- My mortgage will be subsidised for 3 years.
- I can buy with my oppo for around £47.00 per week.
- I could move into my new home within 4 weeks.
- I will have my foot on the first rung of the property ladder.



BAILEY HOMES

A key date for Peter...

WHEN 12-year-old Peter Pothurst was invited to tour his father's workplace at the Fleet Engineering Centre, Rosyth Naval Base, it proved to be a day to remember for the technically-minded youngster.

Not only did the officers and ratings roll out the red carpet for a Navy son whose illness confines him to a wheelchair, but they had a big surprise for Peter at the end of his trip. They presented the com-

puter-mad lad with his very own home computer and special desk, all paid for through a whip-round organised in the FEC and the Chiefs' Mess of HMS Cochrane by CPO Eric Thompson. The software was handed over to a delighted Peter by the top man at the FEC,

Capt. Stuart Tickner, Chief Staff Officer (Engineering).

Forming a semi-circle around Capt. Tickner and Peter in the picture are WO Mick Gent, CPOs John Searle and Eric Thompson, Anne and CPO Peter Pothurst and CPO Ray Hamby.



Picture: CPO(Phot) Dick Birkett



People in the News



First helo handover

COMMANDING officer of the Lynx Operational Flying Training Unit (LOFTU), Lieut.-Cdr. Charlie Thornton, has taken delivery of the first Lynx Mk3 CTS from Lieut.-Cdr. Al Howden, of the Rotary Wing Squadron, Aircraft and Armament Experiment Establishment, Boscombe Down.

The Lynx will undergo tactical trials on the central tactical system, which is a major part of the conversion of the future Lynx Mk8.

LOFTU has a busy time ahead, with two more Lynx due to arrive and its own commissioning ceremony scheduled to take place this month (February).

ADMIRAL OF FLEET ELEVATED TO PEER

ADMIRAL of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, who as Commander-in-Chief Fleet was in overall military control of the 1982 Falklands operation and went on to become First Sea Lord and then Chief of Defence Staff, was created a life peer (Baron) in the New Year's Honours List.

During a naval career which started as a Dartmouth cadet in 1941, Admiral Fieldhouse — now retired from Active Service — commanded several submarines, including the nuclear-powered Fleet sub. HMS Dreadnought.

STANAVFORLANT

Following service in HMS Hermes, he commanded the Polaris Squadron before serving in frigates and destroyers from 1970-72, first as commanding officer of HMS Diomed and Capt. Third Frigate Squadron and then as Commander of NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic in the rank of Commodore.

Subsequent appointments included Flag Officer Second Flotilla, Flag Officer Submarines and Controller of the Navy.

Another distinction which has recently come to Admiral Fieldhouse is an honorary science doctorate from the University of London. He was admitted to the degree by the Chancellor of the University, the Princess Royal, at a ceremony in London.

● Royal Navy awards in New Year Honours List — see page 22.



New life peer: Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse

100 NOT OUT

OLD Hand Stuart Lush of Stowmarket, Suffolk, oldest member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and Royal Naval Reserve Old Hands Association (London Division), celebrated his 100th birthday last month.

He joined the RNVR London Division in August 1907 as a Boy Bugler, then transferred to the signals branch the following year. He went sea training every year until July 1914, when he trained in HMS Audacious.

That August he was instructed to report to Blackfriars HQ and sent on to Grimsby War Signal Station.

Old Hand Lush was not sent to Belgium with the rest of the RNVR (who buried a marlin spike in protest at being used as infantry) as he had already been mobilised. He stayed in Grimsby for four years and then was drafted to HMS Crystal Palace and demobilised in 1918.

DAVE'S GAME SHOW!

COME on down! was the invitation given to Lieut. Dave Wilson (HMS Raleigh) and he didn't need asking twice.

As a contestant on The New Price is Right programme on Sky television, Dave collected a wealth of seafaring prizes — sailing holiday, a boating holiday in Scotland and a boat of his own. He also won a hi-fi, a telephone answering machine and a camera.

BUBBLY OCCASION



YOU meet the nicest people on exercise — just ask Wren Margaret Sharp of RNR Dalriada, Greenock.

While on a three-month visit to Hong Kong to

help out during a busy naval exercise, Margaret met up with the pop group Bucks Fizz. She is pictured (above) with two members of the band, Mike Nolan and Cheryl Baker.

Picture: PO(Phot) K. G. T. Sturge



Make someone pleased you read this ad today

Your choice of flowers, fresh-cut in Guernsey, flown direct from the grower in handsome white presentation boxes to any address in Great Britain and Eire with your personal message.

Sovereign Flowers are available all year round.

TICK BOX:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Red Rose £5.30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Mixed Carnations £10.30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 doz Red Roses £14.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Mixed Carnations £13.70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 doz Red Roses £20.90 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Freesias £11.45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 doz Mixed Roses £13.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 Freesias £16.10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Pink Carnations £10.35 | <input type="checkbox"/> De Luxe Mixture £18.60 |

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS (BLOCK CAPITALS):

RECIPIENTS NAME & ADDRESS:

POST CODE:

Delivery required by (DATE): (Not Monday)

I enclose Cheque/Postal Order for or debit my Credit Card No: £

Send to address below. Also 24 hr. Answerphone. For more than one order use separate sheet of paper.



NEWS FLASH
Last orders for Mother's Day by 12th March please

Sovereign Flying Florist

LA CHAUMETTE NURSERY, FOREST, GUERNSEY, C.I.
Tel. International to UK PLUS 0481 64174
Telex. 4191677 SOVRQS G. Fax. 0481 65250

MASTERS OF ALL THEY SURVEY

THE OCEAN survey ship HMS Herald, right, has completed her second deployment in a year to the North Norwegian Sea — above the Arctic Circle.

In the Arctic winter much of the oceanographic survey work had to be carried out in total darkness and in unpleasant weather.

Herald spent two-and-a-half months collecting oceanographic data across the Norwegian Sea, continuing work started last June. During the deployment the ship's company enjoyed visits to the Norwegian towns of Trondheim and Tromsø, and to Amsterdam on the way home.

To while away the weeks at sea, charity events were held to raise money for the ship's adopted charity, Myton Grange Centre for Handicapped Children, in Warwick.

During a weekend visit from Warwick, the ship's adopted town, a cheque for £424 was presented to the Myton Grange Centre.

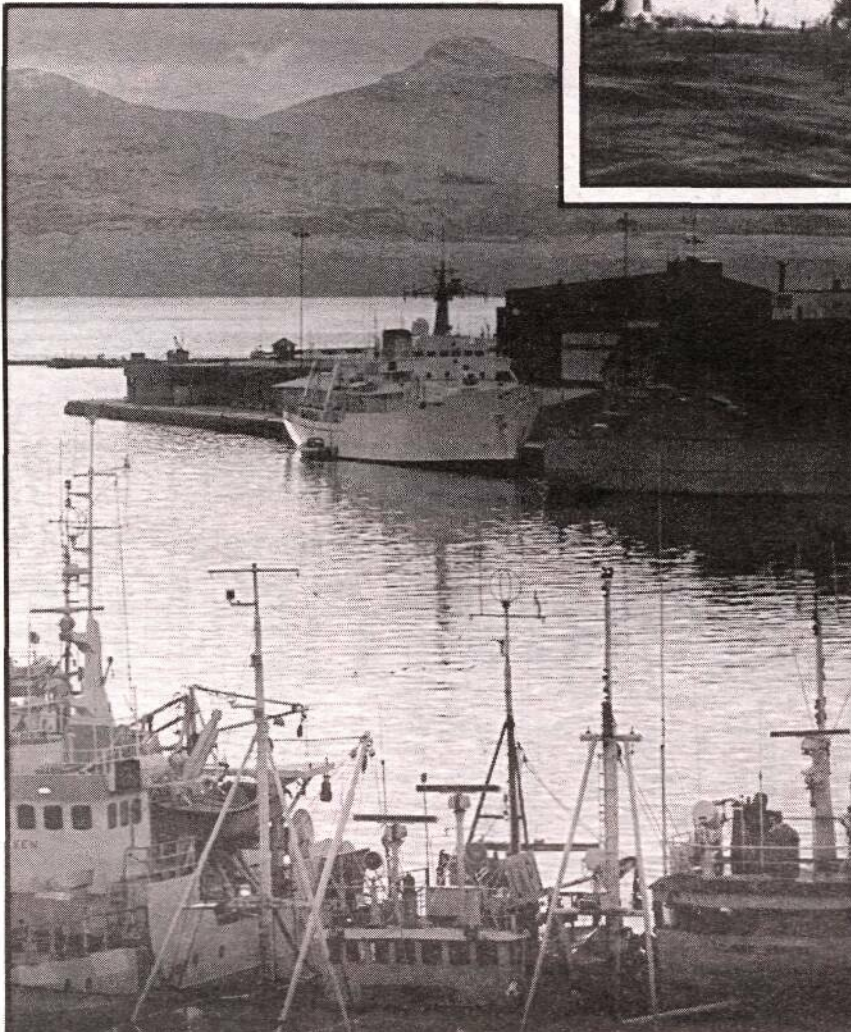
Destroyer

Visitors from Warwick, led by the Mayor, Councillor Stanley Ransom, had lunch on board in Devonport and toured the ship with the Commanding Officer, Cdr. Richard Cotton.

They also included members of the Warwick Royal Naval Association and survivors of the World War II destroyer HMS Warwick, sunk in 1944 off the coast of North Cornwall.

The Mayor presented the General Service Medal with Gulf Clasp to Naval Airman Meteorological Observer Chris Patrick who had served on board since the Herald's time in the Gulf as Mine Countermeasures Command Ship, heading a European task force involved in the dangerous task of keeping the Southern Arabian Gulf free of mines laid during the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Staff and children from Coten End Middle School and the Myton Grange Centre also enjoyed a visit to the Herald and boat rides around Devonport Naval Base were popular.



THE WATERS of the Solent provided many surprises for the little survey ship HMS Gleaner, above, during a year's work in one of Britain's busiest shipping lanes.

The seven-man crew surveyed 400 square miles, from the Nab Tower to Old Castle Point, including the treacherous Bembridge Ledge, last surveyed in 1943.

Discoveries of inaccuracies on the current chart, last updated in 1977, led Gleaner's commanding officer, Lieut. Steve Malcolm, to believe that not only has the seabed changed but the modern echo sounding equipment of his vessel allows far greater accuracy than was previously possible.

The main shipping lane, regularly used by very large cargo carriers (VLCCs) on their way to the port of Southampton, was found to be three feet shallower in places.

Although this was not a major problem, it was of great interest to the owners of deep draught vessels using the water and as a consequence the channel was dredged last October.

Lieut. Malcolm also discovered a number of new contacts on the seabed including three uncharted wrecks.

All the information gathered on the Solent survey has been sent to the Hydrographer of the Navy's headquarters at Taunton where a revised chart will be produced. New-found dangers were announced immediately in Notices to Mariners.

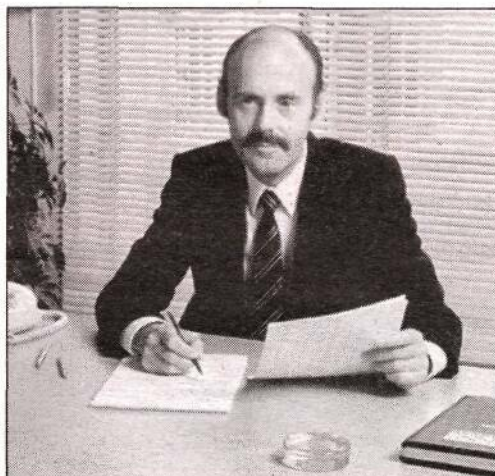
The 22-ton Gleaner is being given a well-earned refit in preparation for a busy survey programme in Weymouth Bay later in the year.

SEVEN sailors from HMS Hecate enjoyed a five-day expedition round the island of Islay, off the West coast of Scotland, while the ship continued its ocean survey programme.

In bitterly cold weather the team walked round the mountainous east coast of the island. During a visit to the Laphroaig distillery they were treated to a few drams to warm them on their way.

The Hecate returned to Plymouth for Christmas and the ship's company is looking forward to another deployment — in warmer waters.

We'll help you to widen your job search



Outside the Service, what does the future hold? Whatever your previous experience, rank or qualifications our aim is to provide jobs at all levels and for all abilities.

The range of jobs that are often available if you register with us.

Administrators
Building Service Managers
Bursars' Assistants
Catering Managers/Assistants
Clerks of Works
Club Managers and Secretaries

Distribution Managers
Drivers/Chauffeurs (all classes)
Engineers (most disciplines)
House Managers
Messengers and Porters
Office Managers and Assistants

Receptionists
Security Managers and Officers
Stores and Stock Control
Managers and Personnel
Technicians (most disciplines)
Telephone and Telex Supervisors

Training Instructors
Transport/Fleet Managers and
Administrators
Vehicle Mechanics (all classes)
Warehouse Managers
Workshop Managers/Supervisors

The **Corps**
of Commissioners

A unique employment service based on trust.

3 Crane Court, Fleet Street, London EC4A 2EJ Tel: 01-353 1125

LUCK OF THE DRAW

THREE lucky motorists took to the roads this year thanks to SSAFA's Christmas lottery.

Sapper Flaherty and Fusilier Fitzpatrick, both serving in Germany, and Mrs D Ogilvie, of Glos., each won one of the top prizes — a sporty Peugeot 205.

With an amazing 220,000 tickets sold the lottery, sponsored by Natocars, of Bridgwater, in co-operation with Peugeot Export, raised over £40,000 to further the work of the Association on behalf of Service and ex-Service families.

And there to pick the winning tickets when all the entries came flooding in were Wren Caroline Scott, Pte. June Meskill and Cpl. Jinder Parkes, WRAC, and Cpl. Terry Carnie, WRAF.



Santa's framed

WHEN Santa dropped down the chimney to visit the "Minnie" Community Centre at Horrabridge, near Plymouth, he was doing his bit to help raise money for the newly-established playgroup.

Christmas decorations hand-painted by resident artist Rob Atkinson proved popular as did the exciting game "Splat the Rat" and at the end of the day over £100 was raised towards a new climbing frame.

Chairman of the Residents Committee, Tina Parker, was pleased with the results.

"This was our biggest fund-raising effort yet," she said, "and the residents and other members of Horrabridge village community supported the event very well."

WASPS stung into action

THERE'S a definite buzz going around Rowner, Gosport these days thanks to the newly-formed Wives Active Support Pastimes and Socials Service Group.

WASPS meet on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon at the Family Services Block, 11 North Path, and would like to welcome all Service wives and mothers who want to expand their social lives.

A creche is provided for those with children and they've also got their own babysitting circle if you want to get out and about.

The ladies are keen to point out, however, WASPS isn't just another "mother and toddler" group.

This month they've already planned a visit from Family Services and a talk about personal safety for women from officers at Fareham Police Station.

And at the beginning of March a Well Woman Clinic will be held at the Family Services Block.

WASPS have also been busy fund-raising and at the end of last year a bring and buy cake sale brought in £103 for Children in Need.

Anyone interested in joining WASPS should contact Debbie Eaton, tel. 587514, Lynn Dudley, tel. 510947, Belinda Beck, tel. 520656 or Helen Tory, tel. 504824 (all Gosport numbers).

Bargain breaks

ONCE again the China Fleet Club are offering subsidised holiday accommodation to serving ratings of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, WRNS and QARNNS.

With 65 self-catering time-share holiday weeks in England, Scotland and Guernsey available from June to September applications are now invited.

Although all accommodation sleeps up to six people types vary throughout the different locations.

At Clowance House, Cornwall, there are 'A' frame chalets, the Osborne Hotel, Torquay offers self-catering penthouse apartments, luxury cottages are available within the grounds of the Gleneagles Hotel and at Craigendarroch there are self-catering lodges.

Applications can be obtained from David Watts, General Manager, China Fleet Club, c/o HMS Tamar, BFPO 1, and should be returned as soon as possible for the draw which takes place in March or early April.

The scheme which has been running for three years has always proved to be popular.

And if you're one of the lucky ones to be selected you'll be informed by the end of April.



Family Life



Green light for lead-free petrol

WITH more and more people becoming environmentally friendly these days Service personnel and their families are being urged to follow suit.

"Going green" doesn't necessarily mean a vast change in lifestyle.

But by changing to lead-free petrol not only will the environment become a lot healthier but you may also find yourself with a bit more money in your pocket.

In three successive budgets the Chancellor has announced price incentives to boost the

uptake of unleaded petrol and in last year's budget the difference in tax between unleaded and leaded petrol was further increased resulting in the cleaner fuel being over 10p cheaper a gallon than ordinary 4 star.

With the average motorist travelling 10,000 miles annually this means a saving of up to £40 a year.

Lead was originally added to petrol in the 1920s.

But seven in ten cars don't need it and with lead being passed into the atmosphere cars are responsible for some 75 per cent of the lead in the air we breathe.

Now many people are switching to unleaded and in one month it's estimated motorists using it have prevented over 65 tonnes of unwanted lead from entering the UK environment.

Nearly all new cars are sold ready to run on unleaded and by October this year all will be

required to do so.

However, many cars on the road require an adjustment because their engines have been set to run on 4 star petrol and the re-timing is a simple, quick and cheap operation which some car manufacturers offer free.

In the UK there's no problem in finding unleaded petrol as over 80 per cent of service stations stock fuel.

Service personnel travelling in other European countries such as Germany will find availability good but even if supplies are difficult to obtain there's no risk of being stranded — adjusted cars can still run on ordinary leaded.

If there is any doubt about whether a car can run on unleaded or not it's easy to obtain advice from local dealers or the car's manufacturer.

Service personnel and their families can therefore do their bit for the environment.

All it takes is making the necessary adjustments and then everyone will benefit from this cheaper and cleaner fuel.

Costs rise if loans increased

HOW much would it cost to increase advances under the Navy's long service advance of pay scheme from £3,500 to £12,000?

A recent Commons reply to a question along these lines explained that the estimated cost of the scheme, which is used by married RN personnel to assist in house purchase, was £2.7 million for the current financial year.

The extra net cost of raising the maximum advance available to £12,000 was estimated to be about £31 million over 10 years, of which the majority would be required in the first three years.

This estimate took no account of the effect of fluctuations in the housing market on demands for advances. The scheme was self-financing over the long term.

An earlier Commons question asked the present level of home ownership among personnel of the three Services.

The answer showed that for married personnel the estimated proportion of home owners is: Royal Navy, 75 per cent; Army 26, RAF 49. For all personnel the proportions are: Royal Navy 48 per cent, Army 16, RAF 34.

Raleigh responds



NEWS that children at Alexandra House were without a video brought a rapid response from HMS Raleigh.

They dipped into funds already held and with a bit of help from the Services Sound and Vision Corporation they managed to come up with the right equipment.

Alexandra House is a short-stay day and residential centre in the Plymouth area for children of Service families.

With a friendly family atmosphere Housemother Ruth Greet and her team take care of the children, whether it's for a few days or a couple of weeks while Mum is temporarily incapacitated.

Now, thanks to Cdr. Keith Ridland, HMS Raleigh, pictured presenting the video to Ruth Greet, with right, Peter Heron, Family Services and Molly Buzzo, of the Management Committee, the children will enjoy an 'entertaining' stay at Alexandra House.

JOY'S ROSES

ORDER EARLY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY
ORDER EARLY FOR MOTHER'S DAY (25.3.90)
A GIFT OF LOVE

Fresh flowers sent daily from the nursery to any address in U.K. or Ireland. Include your own special message to show that you have your loved one in mind — someone — somewhere is waiting to hear from you.

12 ROSES	red, pink, large	£12.85
24 ROSES	red, pink, large	£17.50
12 CARNATIONS	red, pink, mixed	£11.50
40 FRESIA	mixed with fern	£11.75

Week 4th-14th February add £5 per 12 Roses, £10 per 24 Roses

Bouquet Special Mixed	£21.50
Bouquet Pink/Red Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£15.50
Bouquet Roses/Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£16.50
Bouquet Iris (blue)/Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£13.60
Bouquet Spray Carnations/Freesia/Fern	£9.50

MUCH REQUESTED CUDDLIES

Beautiful hand-made "cuddles" of British Safety Standard — Ideal Gifts

Penguin	black/white	12" high	£13.75
Penguin	black/white	14" high	£17.85
Sammy Seal	white or silver-beige	27" long	£20.65
Bertie Badger	black/white	22" long	£20.60
Twin Ella Elephants	pale blue	11" long	£14.50
Orville The TV Duck	pale blue	8" high	£10.00
Pinky Mother Pig and Piglets	pale pink	10"/7" long	£20.75

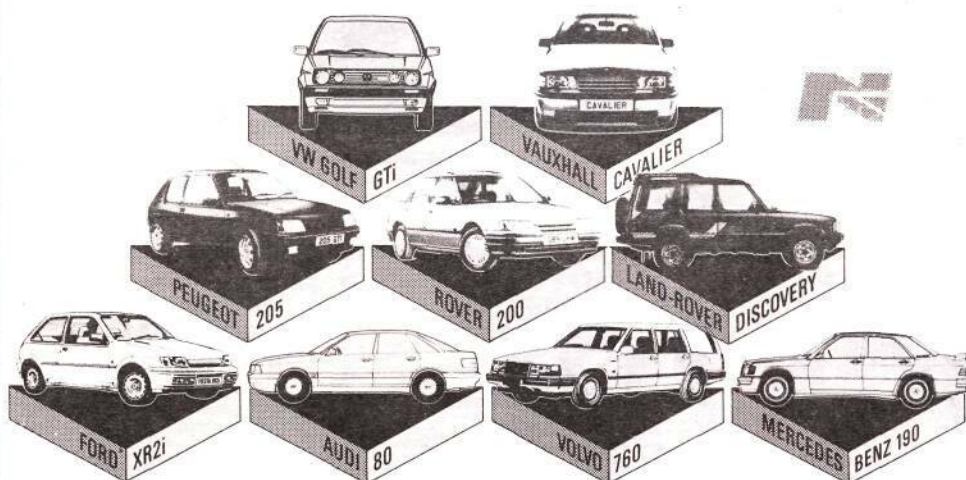
Prices + order forms available upon request. All prices include P.P. and VAT

VISA AND ACCESS CARDS ACCEPTED

Please make cheque or P.O. payable to:

JOY'S ROSES AND TOYS, Flamingo, Bas Capelles, St Sampson Guernsey, C.I. Telephone: (0481) 46708

Exclusive discounts for all Navy Personnel-



only from Natocars

In the past some Navy Personnel may have missed out on the really big discounts on cars — simply because they were unaware of their full entitlements.

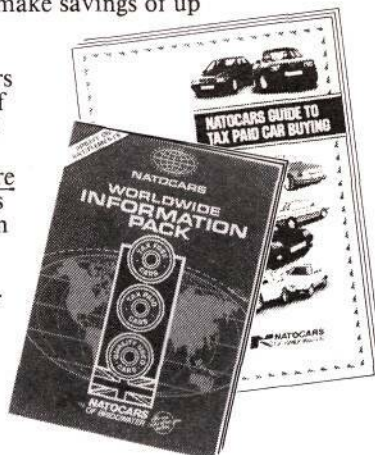
Now Natocars have produced a booklet called The World Wide Information Pack which explains those entitlements, and shows how from Natocars you can make savings of up to 36%.

Special discounts are permanently available on all tax paid and tax free cars plus we have an outstanding selection of quality used cars — all with a 12 month guarantee.

So whether you are ship based or shore based, overseas or in the UK, contact us today to find out just how much you can save.

We'll mail you your free copy of the World Wide Information Pack, plus our latest guide to Car Buying.

Thousands of customers all over the world are enjoying cars bought from Natocars, so no matter where you are based, ring or write today.



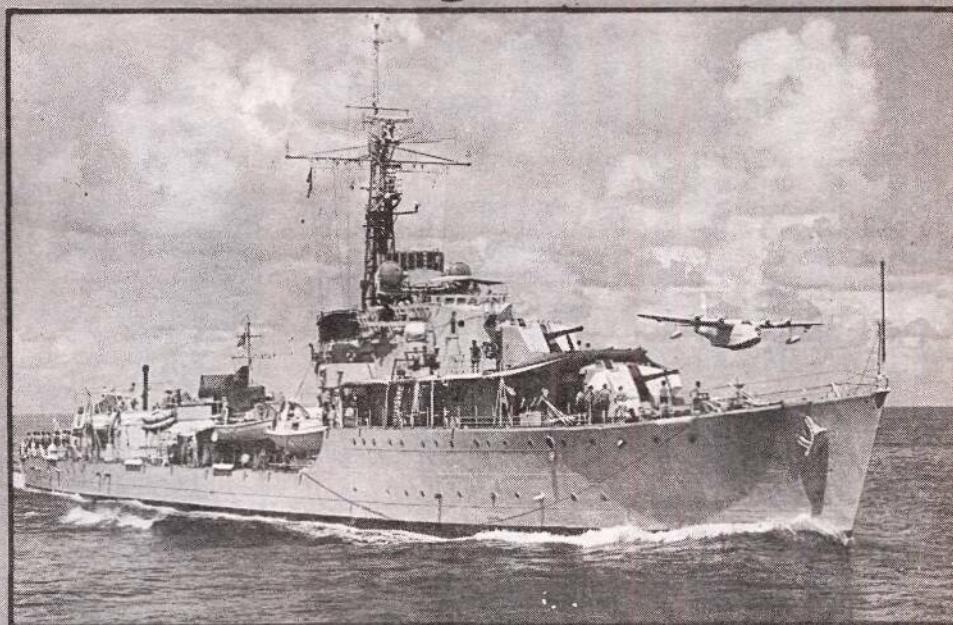
NATOCARS OF BRIDGWATER

Please send the Natocars' guide to car buying. Plus discount price list.

RANK		SURNAME		INITIALS	
PRESENT ADDRESS					
TEL: WORK EXTN TEL: HOME					
DELIVERY DATE (REQUIRED)					
CAR FOR USE IN (COUNTRY)					
I am interested in (please write model names)					
Ford	Mercedes-Benz				
Peugeot	Austin				
Audi	Rover				
Volkswagen	Vauxhall				
Volvo	Land/Range Rover				
I would like to consider (please tick boxes)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Part Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Nato Save	<input type="checkbox"/> Nato Loan
				<input type="checkbox"/> Car Insurance	
NATOCARS LTD, WYLD ROAD, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET TA6 4DG. TEL: BRIDGWATER (0278) 455555					
Call now for immediate action 0278 455555					

NN/WW/5

'The Navy's here!'



THE next five or six years will see the anniversaries of many famous events — and Navy News will not be able to record all of them.

But this month falls one of the best known of all — the day when the destroyer HMS Cossack rescued 303 British seamen from the Altmark.

It was on the night of February 16, 1940 that the Cossack — commanded by Captain Philip Vian — entered Josing Fjord, violating Norwegian neutrality on the orders of Churchill, who

was then First Lord of the Admiralty.

The Altmark was boarded and, after a struggle on the bridge during which the German Fleet Auxiliary ran aground, the prisoners, who had been transferred from the Graf Spee, were discovered below.

"The Navy's here!" someone yelled excitedly — and the cry echoed around the world.

● Above: HMS Cossack, a Tribal Class destroyer built in 1937. On 27 October 1941 she sank off Gibraltar, four days after being torpedoed by a U-boat.

Naafi give back £17m—despite 'difficult year'

DURING a difficult trading year to April 29 Naafi returned more than £17 million to customers.

The importance of Naafi's cash contribution to the well-being of Service personnel and their families was highlighted in the corporation's annual report and accounts.

Despite unfavourable exchange movements, higher interest payments and increased borrowings, chairman Malcolm Field told the annual meeting of the Naafi Council that figures were encouraging and that the corporation continued to pursue the five-year plan agreed with the Services to prepare the business for the 1990s.

Mr Field also reported that more than 150 club and 90 shop projects were completed or started in the year under review — development spending on families and Services shops had created 'centres of excellence' such as those at Celle and Fallingbommel in Germany.

"In offering extended daily and weekend hours, video film hire, the sale of newspapers, chilled drinks and so on, we are constantly attuning our services to the ever-changing needs of our customers," said Mr Field.

After allowing for exchange and VAT, sales were up 1.8 per cent overall, while sales in the UK rose 1.4 per cent, despite reduced strengths and tightened security.

But those in Germany, although up by 6.1 per cent in DM terms, fell 3.4 per cent on conversion to Sterling.

In overseas areas, sales held firm while trade on HM ships, up 5.8 per cent, reflected the increased level of Naval deployments.

Naafi hoped to generate even more revenue from financial services following the launch of its Worldwide Finance Scheme — offering Deutschmark loans which were proving popular with the customers — and by

expanding financial facilities in the UK.

"As 50 years on, the struggles and sacrifices brought on by the outbreak of World War Two are commemorated, Naafi can reflect with some pride on how much it has changed since those days of 'char and wad'," said Mr Field.

"Our continued ability to contribute, especially financially, depends on our overall profitability and the success of our endeavours to develop the business."

"Despite a difficult year," he added, "we confidently remain on track to secure for our customers the benefits of a forward-looking and efficient organisation working steadfastly to meet their needs."

Dunkirk show at Dover

DOVER Museum will be marking the 50th anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk with a major exhibition, opening in May.

The operation took its name — Operation Dynamo — from the Dynamo Room, in a tunnel beneath Dover Castle, from which Admiral Ramsay controlled the evacuation of more than 330,000 Allied soldiers.

Alan Goodearl, Dover Museum historical researcher (tel. 0304-20166) said: "Entry to the Dynamo Room was restricted and few pictures or drawings of it survive."

"Since we hope to reconstruct it, we would like to hear from anyone who served there — or in the operation as a whole."

Engraved English PEWTERWARE

Tankards, goblets and flasks engraved with your ship's crest, etc.

From **£5.75 + VAT**
Quantity discounts available

134 Archer Road, Sheffield S8 0JZ. Tel. (0742) 500338

Bosun's Call...

PRESENTATION CALLS (Regulation Pattern)
make really great GIFTS or AWARDS

Expertly ENGRAVED with Name, Rank & Number or a message to a girlfriend etc. In presentation box with matching 50in. neck-chain, historical notes, and a guide to piping.

22ct. Gold-Plated Call £15.95
Polished Brass & Copper Call £8.95

Silver-Plated Call £12.95
Nickel-Plated Call £9.95

Engraving £1.10 per line of up to 18 letters and spaces (capitals count as 2). Maximum 4 lines (2 each side). Add 65p postage, etc. We aim at return-of-post service. We also manufacture unengraved Regulation "naval issue" Calls at £6.95 and standard chains at £2.99. Postage 50p. Discounts for R.N. Associations, Cadet Units, Sea-Scout Troops and clubs on application. Credit cards accepted.

Nauticalia
Dept. NN, Ferry Works, Ferry Lane
Shepperton-on-Thames, Middlesex
Telephone 0932 244396

Insure yourself at a premium with PAX

PAX, an optional personal accident insurance scheme now available for purchase by all RN personnel and their families, can provide compensation for accidental death or disability (such as loss of sight or limb) at all times anywhere in the world.

The scheme — whose introduction was reported in last November's edition — is separate from the income insurance provided by N-Trust.

ALL regular RN, RM, WRNS and QARNNS servicemen and women are eligible to purchase PAX cover. Additional insurance may be bought for a spouse and, as part of this family cover, unmarried dependant children under the age of 18, or under the age of 23 if in full-time education, would be automatically included at no additional cost.

For single parents, similarly eligible children would be included in individual cover.

PAX offers world-wide cover on and off duty at all times, except in several specific circumstances, which are listed in the announcement.

Cover is offered in units of £10,000 and personnel may purchase up to 15 units. The monthly premium for each unit would be: Normal individual cover, £1.50; normal family cover, £2.84 (representing £1.50 plus £1.34). Family cover would include the serviceman or woman, his or her spouse and eligible dependant children.

Personnel whose duties involve hazardous activities

would be required to pay higher monthly premiums for each unit.

If injury results in death or permanent disability within two years of the accident, PAX would pay benefits up to £10,000 for each unit of cover held.

No medical is required, and for those using the scheme premiums will be deducted automatically from pay.

The announcement emphasises that the decision whether and with whom to take out personal accident insurance is a matter for the individual alone. While drawing attention to schemes which appear to offer appropriate cover, the Navy does not seek to influence an individual's choice of insurance schemes.

DCI(RN) — Announcement dated Nov 24, 1989



"Not the sort of paralysis YOU suffer from when you've had a skinful!"

Daggers withdrawn

THE dagger distinguishing symbol used in some cases against officers' names on appointing lists and other documentation to indicate completion of courses is to disappear.

Referring to its use in the various specialisations, an announcement says its primary use had been as an appointing aid but since it has not been awarded in a consistent manner in recent years, it has ceased to be useful in this respect.

It is now sufficient for recording and appointing purposes that all additional qualifications are shown in an officer's personal file and in the Naval Secretary's appointing records.

Letters denoting specialisation and sub-specialisation are all that is necessary to categorise an officer in the Navy List, Officers Appointments Lists or in Ship's Officers Lists.

DCI(RN) 349

Stewards sit City and Guilds

IN agreement with the City and Guilds of London Institute, leading stewards and stewards who have passed the Fleet Examination for advancement to leading steward may sit the City and Guilds 707/1 Certificate Examination at the RN Supply School.

The certificate is a civilian qualification in Food and Beverage Service which is widely recognised by the hotel and catering industry.

Examinations are held on set dates throughout the year.

The other certificates awarded by the RN Supply School for the Stewards Branch are City

and Guilds 717/3 (Alcoholic Beverage) and NEBSM in Steward Management, which are both part of the POSTDQC.

DCI(RN) 344/89

□ □ □

New title for WRNS job

THE job description of the WRNS Quarters Assistant branch has been reassessed and has resulted in a change of title to Quarters Administrator, which more aptly reflects the status of the branch.

There is no change in the category badge.

DCI(RN) 361/89



Get Wise on DCIs



Ships diver training changed

CHANGES to ships diver training and capability, implemented from January 1 this year, mean that these divers will be trained to have an enhanced underwater ships husbandry capability; also that the maximum depth allowed for ships divers will be 21 metres.

Ships diving courses will remain at four weeks but will include one week of underwater ships husbandry training as well as retaining the ships bot-

tom search capability.

Currently qualified ships divers will have the opportunity to conduct underwater ships husbandry during contin-

uation training, subject to availability of instructors and facilities.

From February 15 the current ruling of 50 per cent of Adventurous Training sub aqua diving being allowed to count towards qualification for SSP(D) will cease.

In addition, equipment supplied for military diving operations and training is now not to be used for Adventurous Training sub aqua diving.

DCI(RN) 346/89

AIM of this regular feature is to give a general impression of new Defence Council instructions affecting conditions of service. In the event of action being taken the full original text should be studied.

On line for orange cards

THE new orange 1990 Forces Railcard, replacing last year's purple card, is now in operation.

It is valid between January 1 and December 31, 1990 and is available for issue to all eligible personnel, using the instructions contained in the announcement.

Personnel and dependants are reminded that provision of the railcard is a concession of British Rail and should not be taken as a condition of service.

DCI(JS) 135/89

Tobacco rise

WHEN it was announced that the Blue Liner cigarette and tobacco concession was to be withdrawn at the end of 1991, it was also stated that the price would be progressively increased in April 1989, January 1990 and January 1991.

Full details of the prices effective from January 1 this year are now given.

DCI(RN) 357

□ □ □

Make amends at Centurion

BR8748 has required proposed amendments to a rating's Service Certificate to be referred to the Commodore, HMS Centurion (NPP Accounts) for prior sanction if the entry relates to the past.

They have also required that recommendations for amendments to annual assessments of efficiency should be treated in this way.

It has now been decided that any recommendation to amend an annual assessment of efficiency on the Service Certificate should be referred to Commander-in-Chief, Flag Officers in Independent Command or Area Flag Officers, as appropriate, for sanction before amending action by Centurion.

A recommendation to amend an annual assessment of efficiency should only be forwarded when the rating concerned has made representation on the subject within six months of the date the assessment was awarded.

DCI(RN) 356/89



"I thought there was a catch to it!"

ROYAL NAVY OFFICER'S SWORD AND SCABBARD

Crafted in England, this sword and scabbard is made to the finest standards of quality. It has a hard gold plated guard with the St. Edward's crown and fowl anchor. The stainless steel blade is etched with a traditional design including the E II R cypher and RENOWN trademark. The scabbard is made from high quality



stitched leather and gold plated furniture. The Sword and Scabbard together come in a blue, lined presentation box with gold blocked RENOWN name.

Other items available to go with the sword are; sword bag, undress sword belt and sword knot. Contact stockists listed below:

Baun and Co
14 Queen Street
Portsmouth PO1 3HL
Tel: (0705) 822045

Louis-Bernard
4-5 Queen Street
Portsmouth PO1 3HL
Tel: (0705) 736529

Jack Blair Ltd
47-48 Queen Street
Portsmouth PO1 3HW
Tel: (0705) 825046

Morley Wescomb
28 Church Street
Mevagissey
Cornwall PL26 6SP
Tel: (0726) 842634

Moss Bros Plc
107 Armada Way
Plymouth
S Devon PL1 1HH
Tel: (0752) 266533

Owen Uniforms
Lister Close
Newnham Industrial Estate
Plymouth
Plymouth PL7 4BA
Tel: (0752) 338722



"My missus is good at that sort of thing!"

NEWSVIEW

Seeking more recruits from ethnic groups

INCREASED efforts are to be made to recruit more members of the ethnic minorities to the Services following an independent report commissioned by MOD. This disclosed that only 1.1 per cent of recruits to the Armed Forces during 1987-88 came from these minorities.

The Government has said it is concerned at the finding that fear of discrimination deters members of ethnic minorities from applying to join. "The Services are equal opportunity employers, under the terms of the Race Relations Act, and we will continue to make it clear that no form of racial discrimination will be tolerated and that all complaints will be properly investigated."

"Many Service men and Service women from the ethnic minorities are already pursuing successful careers in all three Services."

Implementation of the report is to be closely monitored, but it is recognised that a sustained effort will be required if attitudes are to be changed and that dramatic increases in the number of ethnic minority recruits are unlikely in the short term.

In defence of their titles

WHAT'S in a name? Quite a lot if lamentation emanating from the Communicators is any indication.

As is evident from our correspondence columns, both this month and last, the needs of the modern computer and preservation of old rank abbreviations are not necessarily compatible. And though the Communicators' official abbreviations remain unchanged, some reckoning on the computer versions of their titles are catching on elsewhere — and they don't like it.

So, is it a case of a storm in Communicator's teacup — or commendable guardianship of proud old titles?

So why not get in touch?

FEW people know much about the job of the Royal Navy Communications Technician (CT). But with the announcement of the decision to close HMS Mercury, and to retain the Special Communications Unit in its present location at Leydene in the grounds of Mercury, the CT Branch has received a somewhat higher "visibility."

CTs, something of a special breed, perform a crucial role, and are constantly in demand. They are specialists in the techniques of recognising and reporting on a wide variety of emissions occurring in the radio frequency spectrum, and play an essential part in keeping the Navy informed of what other nations are doing.

It is a small branch, but offers a long-term professional challenge for the right man. In it he is treated as an individual, and merit and expertise can be clearly seen and rewarded, says a call for volunteers.

His prospects, with corresponding responsibility and job satisfaction, are good. He can look forward to a variety of challenging jobs ashore and afloat, and there are opportunities to serve abroad.

Only very rarely is short notice drafting necessary. And he can expect to be rated Acting CPO in about five-and-a-half years, receiving Technician's pay of about £80 a month after tax, in addition to his basic pay.

Methods of Entry: The branch was formed in 1978 from a restructuring of the Radio Operator (Special) sub-branch of the Communications Group. In the past, applicants had to be trained and experienced Communicators. But with the formation of the CT Branch and its rapid expansion, new and complementary methods of recruitment have evolved.

Fit into team

Sideways Entry from within the Service has been widened to allow applications from Able and Leading Ratings of any branch, except Artificers and Medical Technicians. And civilians may also apply as Direct Entry candidates through their local RN Careers Office.

Challenge of the 'special breed' CTs

All candidates are subject to a special security clearance before being accepted for training. They should be well motivated, mentally agile, able to work unsupervised and fit into a team, and have the self-confidence to take charge of a team of experts.

Long training

Experience of foreign languages and/or computers and electronics is obviously an advantage, but is not essential. Sport is encouraged.

It has been found that many men have these qualities without, perhaps, realising it. A special Selection Board sympathetically screens all volunteers through a series of aptitude tests and interviews, giving them every opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities.

Training: For those successful at selection, training is long and demanding. Direct Entries spend their first year in HMS Raleigh and HMS Mercury, and at sea in an operational warship, following the same path as the Radio Operator (General). They then join their counterparts transferring as Sideways Entries from other

branches of the RN, to start CT Qualifying Course.

Training takes three years: the first ashore in SCU, HMS Mercury, to learn the basics of the job; the second at sea in operational ships, consolidating this training. In the third year, prospective CTs are streamed into Linguist (L) or Analyst (A) sub-specialisations.

CT (Linguist): In addition to being taught a foreign language, the CT(L) is trained to operate the most up-to-date computer-assisted radio receiving and recording equipment. He is also able to read Morse, touch-type, and use computers. The level of language training is eventually to that of the Civil Service Commission Linguist standard, which is higher than GCE A level.

Highly skilled

CT (Analyst): CT(A) is highly skilled in the reception of radio communications, and in analysis. He is trained to read Morse accurately at high speeds, and to operate the most advanced receiving, recording, direction-finding and analysis equipment available today. He is also skilled in the use of computers.

The level of training for the CT(A) is very high, to give him a thorough understanding of the world's most complex communications systems.

Advancement: Because of the demands made on the CT, the branch enjoys Technician status and rates of pay. Sideways Entries can expect promotion to Acting Petty Officer on successful completion of the CT(Q) Course, and confirmation in the rate after one year.

Direct Entries are rated Leading Communications Technician on successful completion of CT(Q) Course, and can expect promotion to Acting Petty Officer after one further year.

Promotion to Chief Petty Officer will follow after one year's service as a confirmed Petty Officer, subject to passing the professional qualifying examination. Further promotion follows the standard Artificer pattern.

Responsibility

Competition is stiff. The quality, particularly of Direct Entries, is increasing steadily, and many on selection are already qualified educationally for promotion on the SD(EW) List.

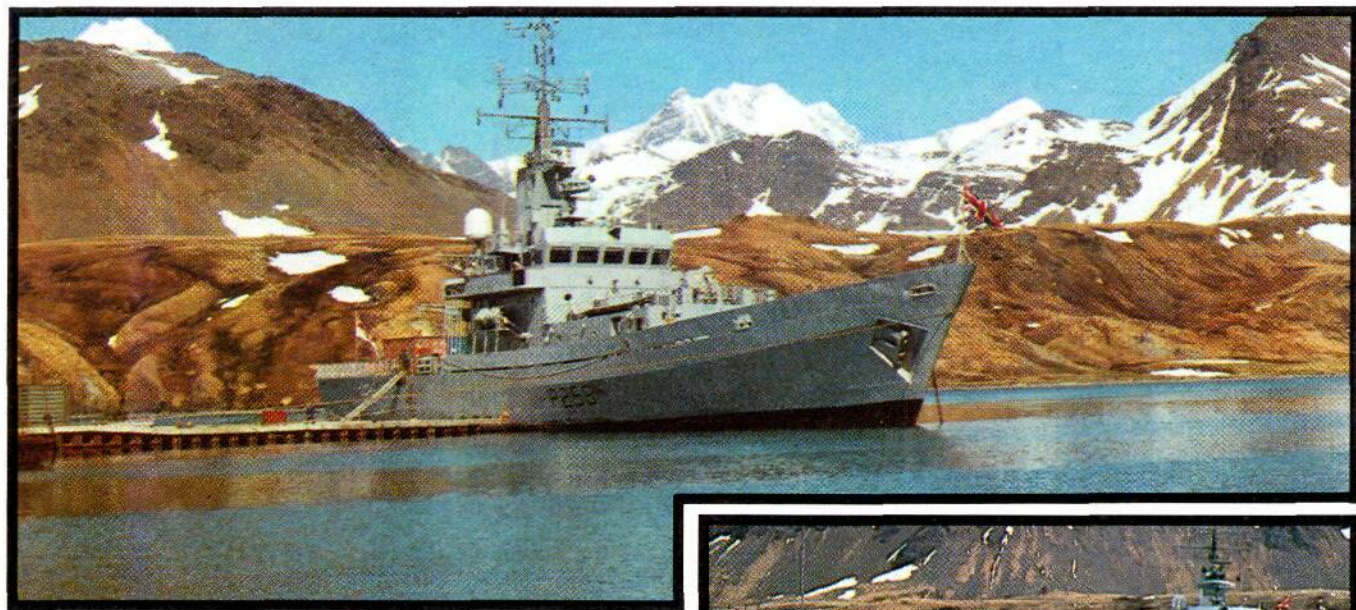
Entry Regulations: Mature and responsible men, with the academic and professional ability to undertake the training and subsequent duties, are needed for this highly specialised branch.

Anyone who is interested, and is currently serving in another branch of the RN, should see his Divisional Officer to check that he meets Sideways Entry requirements, so that application can be made for a Selection Board.

Details are contained in Chapter 24 of BR 1066 (Advancement Regulations Art 2403). Interested civilians should enquire at any RN Careers Officer, and ask to see the newly re-issued Careers Pamphlet No. 90.

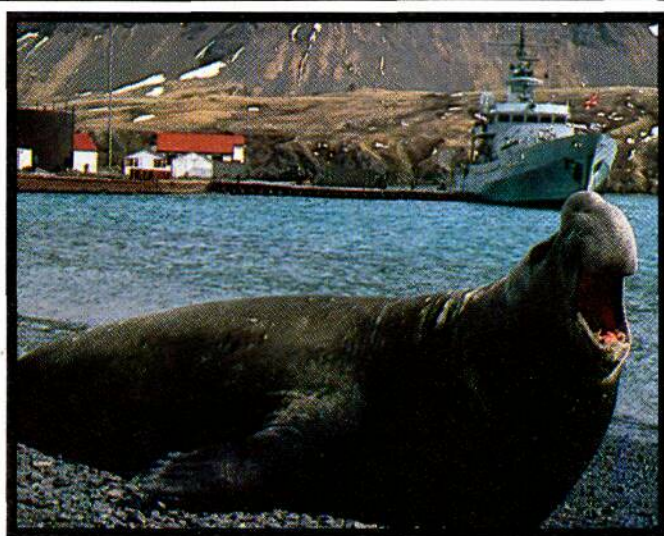
SMALL BRANCH WITH CRUCIAL ROLE

SOUTHERN BELLES



● HMS Leeds Castle, the resident South Atlantic patrol ship, with the mountains of South Georgia in the background — and a noisy welcome from a giant elephant seal on the beach at King Edward point.

— and many
a good tune
from this old girl . . .



Serenaded by a seal —

THE offshore patrol vessel HMS Leeds Castle has spent more than a year on station in the South Atlantic providing a vital link in the defence of the Falkland Islands.

On the anniversary of her first year "down South" she has steamed 37,012 miles, conducted 233 deck landings — and her crew have consumed 1,146 crates of beer!

As the resident patrol ship the Leeds Castle has a busy programme, including resupply visits to South Georgia, regular patrols of the Falkland Islands Protection Zone, visits to settlements and exercises with on-station warships.

Time has also to be found for maintenance and some rest and recreation.

Members of the ship's company spend five or six months on board, trickle drafting in the normal way, but with such a high turnover there is a constant need for a high level of training.

On her last visit to South Georgia the Leeds Castle had the new garrison embarked — soldiers from the Green Howards.

Gulf medals

Elephant seals had invaded the beach on King Edward point, where the ship berthed, and all on board later had the chance to explore the whaling station, see a glacier and a small colony of King Penguins — and make the most of the warm, sunny weather.

Before leaving, the Leeds Castle put on a lunchtime barbecue for all 150 Army, Navy and civilian personnel based at Grytviken.

Members of the House of Commons Defence Committee, headed by their Chairman, Mr. Michael Mates MP, visited the Leeds Castle in Falkland Sound in December.

Mr. Mates presented Gulf Medals to Lieut. Jim Tyrwhitt-Drake, RS Peter Bird, RO1(G) Gordon Davidson, AB(EW) Leighton Clements and MEM1(M) Paul Simpson.

He also presented a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to the ship's Marine Engineering Officer, CCMEA(M) David Pilcher.

The visit was part of a tour of the defence facilities in the Falklands.

ON patrol in the South Atlantic, HMS Penelope, the Navy's oldest major warship, is now well into her second half-million miles of sea service.

The 500,000th milestone was passed when the Leander class frigate was on passage from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia for Christmas.

POCK Bill Ferguson baked and iced a commemorative cake which was cut by LPT Kevin Bowen, who was born within 16 hours of the Penelope's keel being laid on March 14, 1961.

Operational duties within the Falkland Islands Protection Zone have kept the ship busy during a time of rapid diplomatic changes. The vigil continues with the Penelope, the command task force for HMS Leeds Castle, and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Blue Rover.

Penelope and Blue Rover sailed in company to South Georgia to carry out the routine change-over of troops and transfer of stores and equipment to the dependency.

Once the transfer had been completed the two ships conducted their own scenic tours.

Heading to the South East, the Penelope's crew looked at large icebergs off the coast and entered Drygalski Fjord to see the glaciers.

On an unforgettable Christmas Day the turkey was carved in sunbathing weather with the ship surrounded by the spectacular beauty of mountains and snow.

When the patrol is over the journey home will enable many of the ship's company to see North and South America and the Caribbean for the first time.

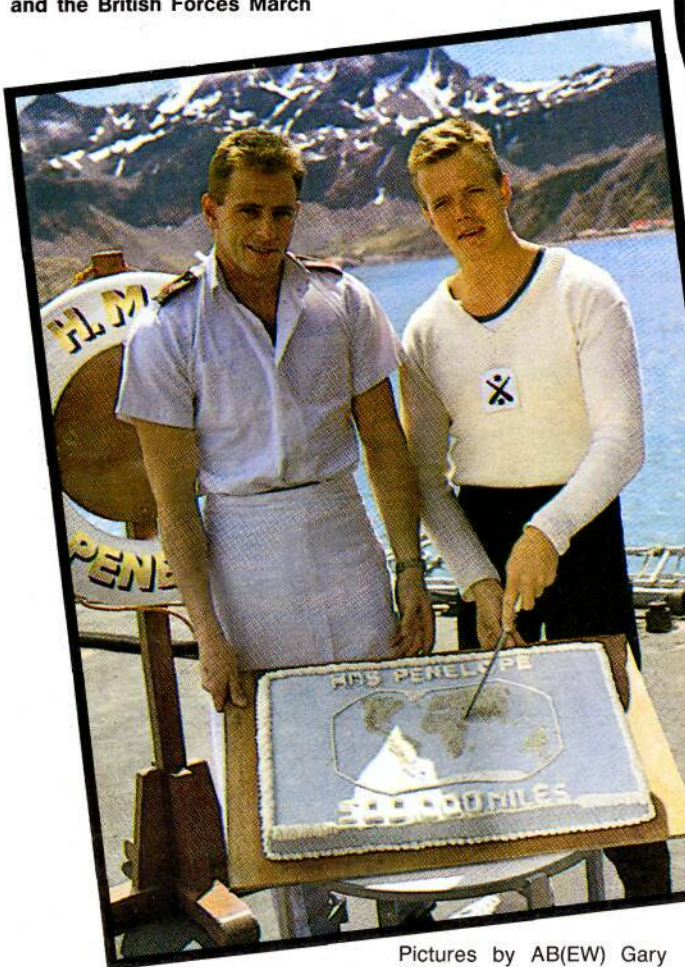
Meanwhile the Penelope's ship's company has become undisputed champions in all sports in the South Atlantic.

The rugby team has crushed all opposition — including the previously unbeaten Royal Engineers team.

Events have also included a

charity walk by the RO's mess from Stanley to East Cove, which raised more than £400, and the British Forces March

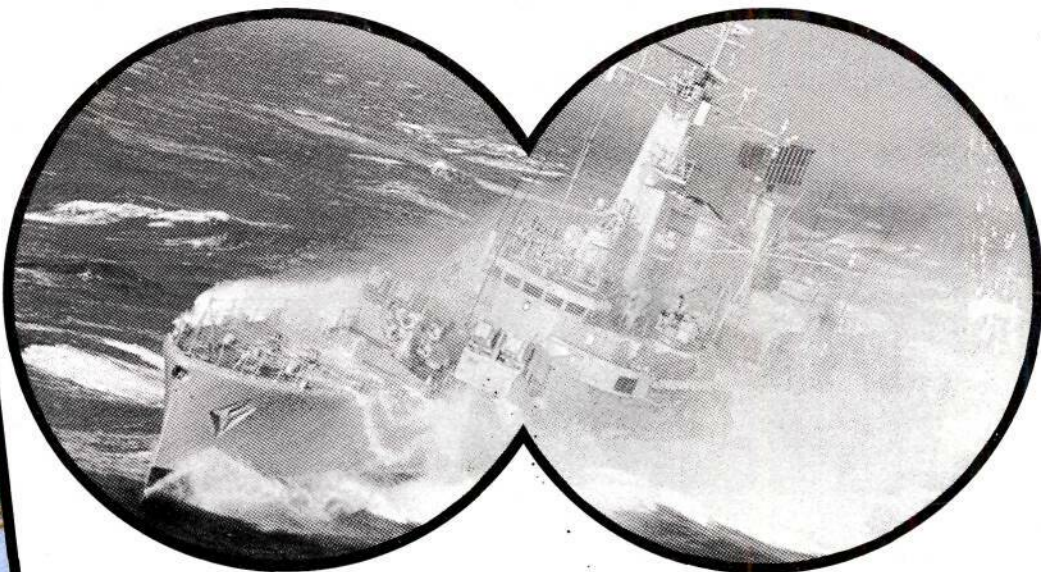
and Shoot competition — won by Penelope, the first time a naval team had entered.



Pictures by AB(EW) Gary Davies

● Above — POCK Bill Ferguson (left) watches while PLT Kevin Bowen prepares to cut the cake baked to commemorate HMS Penelope's 500,000th mile. The mountains of South Georgia make a spectacular backdrop.

Right — Crossing the line on the way down South. Penelope's Commanding Officer, Cdr. Nigel Bray, is in the hands of the Barber, CPO George Toner.



● Now well into her second half-million miles, HMS Penelope's venerable bones are glimpsed taking a pounding as she ploughs her way through the freezing South Atlantic between the Falklands and South Georgia.

Launched in 1962, the Leander Class frigate that is the Royal Navy's oldest major warship is now thawing out in warmer climes, visiting South America, the Caribbean and Florida before returning to the UK at Easter.





A NICE VIEW OF THE HARBOUR

The White Squadron . . . The gleaming edifice of HMS Tamar's Prince of Wales Building sets off the crisp tropical whites of this group of Wrens from the Royal Navy's Hong Kong headquarters.

HMS Tamar — soon to move to Stonecutter's Island — will have been synonymous with the Senior Service in Hong Kong for a hundred years when the Colony is handed back to China.

The original barque-rigged troopship of 1863 arrived in 1897 and was originally secured to a buoy off the Dockyard. Moved alongside the West Wall in 1913, she stayed there until she was scuttled in advance of the Japanese occu-

pation in 1941.

Formerly the Army's Wellington Barracks, the present HMS Tamar was transferred to the Navy in 1946. Rebuilding began in 1959 and the place opened in its present form twenty years later, occupying a commanding position on the North Foreshore of Hong Kong Island opposite Tsim Sha Tsui with spectacular views of the harbour that is now the world's busiest container port.

● Left to right are Wren RO1(T) Jackie McHardy, Wren RO Helen Noake, Wren Wtr Dianne Grayson, Wren Wtr Linda Knott, L Wren Wtr Sally Williams, Wren Wtr Chris Hole, L Wren Wtr Janice Phelps and L Wren Wtr (G) Jacqui Pitches.

TRACI DOWN TRI



Maritime terrorism and smuggling are two of the Navy's prime targets for the 1990s, the First Sea Lord has said — and nowhere in the world, perhaps, are these problems more acute than in the waters around Hong Kong.

Lately the repatriation of Vietnamese refugees and British citizenship for the Colony's Chinese after 1997 have taken up the headlines — but meanwhile the day-to-day struggle to contain the rising tide of organised crime continues to keep the Hong Kong Squadron's three remaining patrol craft working at full stretch.

Last year HMS Starling alone made dozens of arrests, recovering over 5 million Hong Kong dollars worth of smuggled goods. Typical of these was a 'catch' one autumn night in Mirs Bay, off Ping Chan. She picked up a fast-moving contact on her radar, switched on the thermal imaging camera — and identified a loaded speedboat.

The Triad gangsters who control the rackets in this part of the world once thought they had found a way to evade arrest by racing through shallow waters where the big police launches could not follow.

But the Squadron countered with Sea Riders — eight metre rigid inflatables with a speed of 50 knots plus — and in the first three months of operation alone caught up with 24 cargoes of contraband.

Extortion

On this occasion their quarry — powered by three 300hp engines — yielded up 46 TV sets. But sometimes the haul is a little more sinister.

The drugs trade remains as keen as ever — and the Triads make a bit of money on the side by providing transport for illegal immigrants from China. At extortionate rates with, needless to say, no guarantees for safe delivery.

Despite new laws making it a criminal offence for 'IIs' to live or work in Hong Kong, with prison sentences of up to 15 months meted out to offenders, the traffic goes on. Each patrol craft carries out around 500 boardings a year, checking for stowaways as well as other dubious shipments.

Lately there has been an increase in the undercover trade in high-value electronic equipment, the smugglers showing a new sophistication by operating in teams with decoys and radio-linked fishing junks.

These ramshackle vessels make an odd contrast with the sleek lines of the likes of Plover, Peacock and Starling. With their ancient, unpainted, waterlogged timbers full of gaping holes, swarming with rats and cockroaches, they seem like the relics of another age, suggesting that in a time of great change for Hong Kong and her people, nothing much has changed at all.

Piracy remains the scourge of the coasts of Thailand and Malaysia. When units of the Squadron have visited these parts they have brought back tales of horrific brutality that rival the worst deeds ever committed under the Black Flag.

They continue to provide a strong deterrent against the modern version of the old scourge of the High Seas — useful experience for the wider police role Admiral Sir Julian Oswald has predicted for the Royal Navy of the decade to come.

● Captain-in-Charge Hong Kong Captain Peter Dalrymple-Smith was relieved last month by Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox, having returned to the UK as Commodore Naval Ship Acceptance.

How the Hong



TWO KILLED AT MAH JONG

Just before Christmas divers from HMS Tamar spent five hours searching for survivors when a catamaran ferry went out of control and crashed into a typhoon shelter, killing two men.

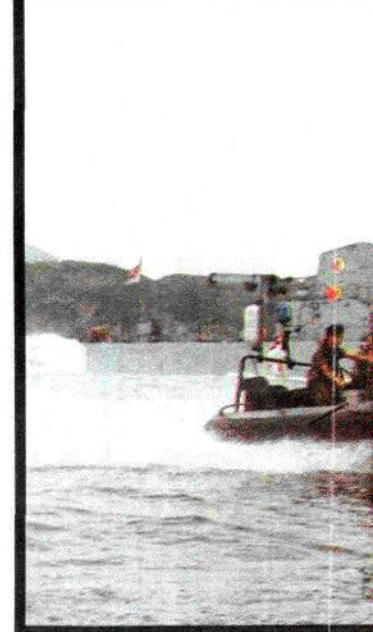
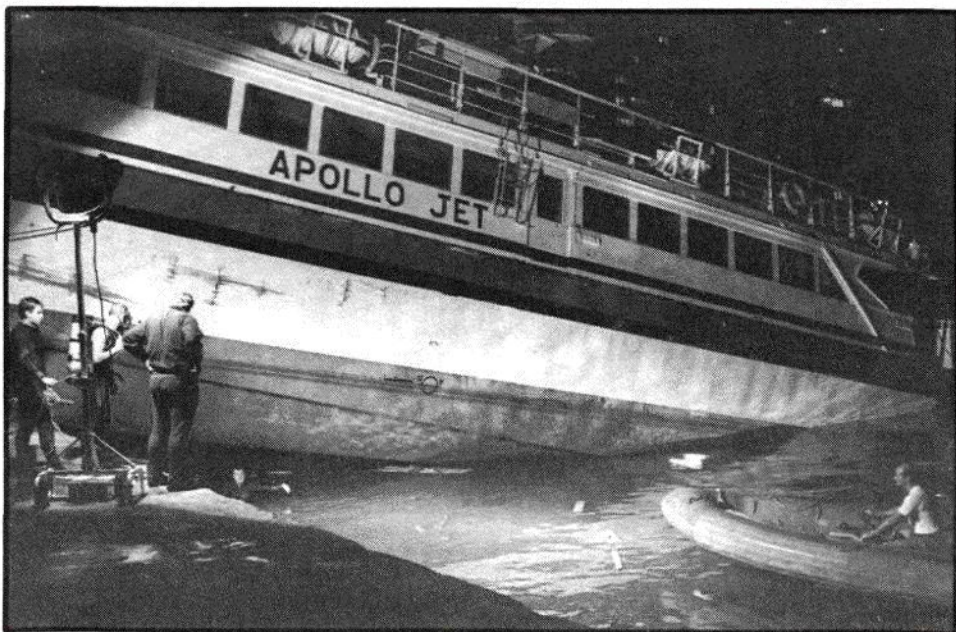
Before coming to rest with her bows out of the water, the powerful ferry Apollo Jet ran over three smaller boats. Another 18 people were injured.

The pair who died were playing Mah Jong on a sampan when the catamaran smashed down on them. One was thrown 15 metres onto the quayside and was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

The other went missing in the oily, rubbish-strewn water — and despite the efforts of the four divers could not be found.

The Tamar Clearance Divers have the only recompression chamber in Hong Kong and are on call 24 hours a day, often to support search and rescue operations for which the Navy provides the only deep sea capability.

● Working alongside the wrecked ferry Apollo Jet are (left to right) AB Diver Bob Hope, L Diver Mick Openshaw, Chief Diver Ben Benbow, AB Diver Stevie Mullins (in the water) and Marine Graham Simpson from HMS Starling.



MAKING THE ADS

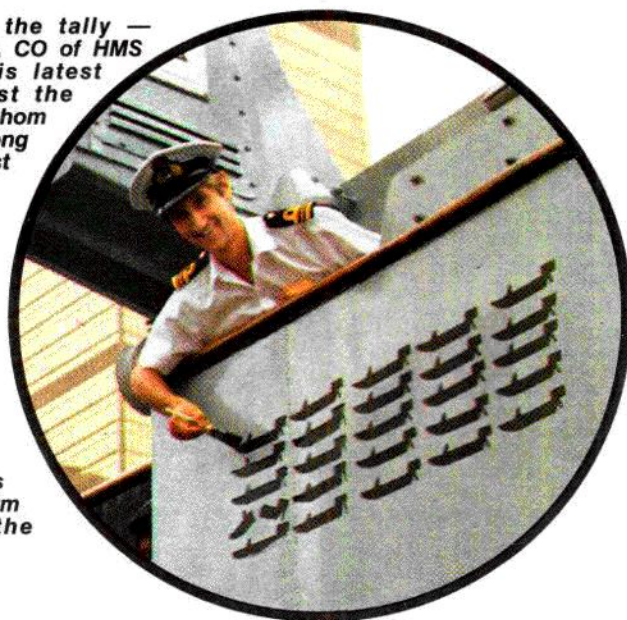
Navy outrides the Kong crime wave



● Another 'kill' to add to the tally — Lieut.-Cdr. Alan Brooks (right), CO of HMS Starling (above) records his latest success in the war against the speedboat smugglers from whom he has recovered 5m Hong Kong dollars' worth of contraband last year.

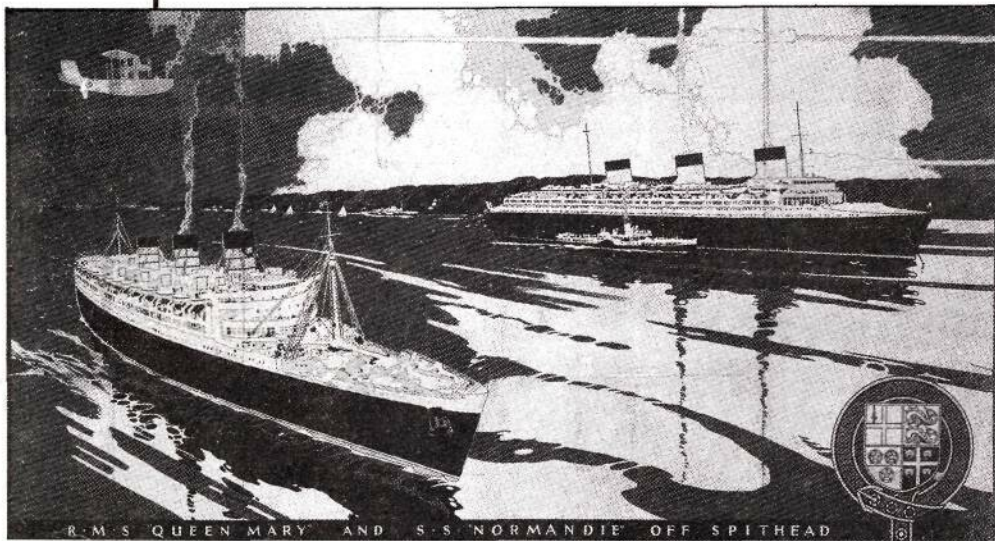
● **Something fishy here?** Smuggling — drugs, people, electronic equipment — is a lucrative sideline for many Chinese mariners. PO(SEA) Taff Richards (right) and LWEM(O) Jupiter Shum check that all is what it seems while a fast pursuit craft from HMS Plover stands alongside (below).

● Below left — HMS Plover's fast pursuit craft shows the form that has helped bring the smugglers to justice.



Pictures by CPO Radar Thompson





R.M.S. QUEEN MARY AND S.S. NORMANDIE OFF SPITHEAD

POSTCARDS CATCH OLD SOUTHAMPTON

HMS Gladiator's sinking by the liner St Paul in 1908 is one of many dramatic tales retold in *A Maritime History of Southampton in Picture Postcards*.

With visibility down almost to zero the St Paul was making some 16 knots when she came up against the Gladiator off Yarmouth.

The second class cruiser, proceeding more cautiously, was struck amidships on the starboard side and sank within 15 minutes; 26 members of her company were drowned.

This hardback, by Alan Leonard and Rodney Baker, is complemented by Clive Brooks's and Peter Boyd-Smith's *A History of Southampton in Picture Postcards*.

The maritime history is priced £12.95 and the town history £11.95. Available from Southampton bookshops, they can also be obtained by sending cheques for £14.45 and £13.45 respectively, to Ensign Publications, 2 Redcar Street, Shirley, Southampton SO1 5LL.

Left: Cover of the Maritime History of Southampton.

Tales out of school

LITERARY success may have come late to former Navy "schoolie" Ivor Lawrence, now in his 89th year, but the response to the hardback volume of his memoirs, *A Naval Schoolmaster Looks Back*, after review in Navy News in 1988 made it sweet — prompting him to update the work and issue it in paperback.

The Churchman Publishing edition, (£6.95) has retained the diary-type format, which makes this ideal bedtime or odd minute reading.

JMD

Nelson's Navy under review

THE question of women on board ship was an unavoidable reality in Nelson's Navy; seaman had no rights to shore leave and could be subjected to years of "floating imprisonment" so the mountain had to go to Mahomet as it were.

A contemporary observer by the name of "Jack Nasty-face" records that 450 women came on board the Revenge in 1805 for a crew of 600.

"On the arrival of a man-of-war in port, these girls flock down to the shore, where boats are always ready; and here may be witnessed a scene somewhat similar to the trafficking in slaves in the West Indies."

Despite the lack of privacy, the women slept in hammocks with the men amid scenes of indescribable squalor and depravity.

Soldiers were entitled to take their wives to sea in addition to the many who went unofficial-

ly. They often assisted the surgeon with casualties.

But when two women applied for the Naval General Service Medal on the grounds that they had been present at The Nile and Trafalgar it was refused lest it create a precedent which would be followed by "innumerable applications" from many others.

Expert

These facts form part of the encyclopaedic fund of knowledge to be gleaned from a new large-format book by Brian Lavery, *Nelson's Navy — The Ships, Men and Organisation 1793-1815*. The author is not only one of the world's leading experts on the sailing navy, but he is always eminently readable.

The scope of the book is social, historical and technical, laid out in 14 themes, each with its own chapters and sub-headings. The topics include ship-building, career structures, shipboard life, the fleets, foreign navies and tactics. A final section of appendices provides details of pay, complements

and the dockyard workforce.

Brian Lavery admits to treating the subjects somewhat superficially. His triumph is to have collected and organised them so thoughtfully in one volume, illustrated and carefully notated.

It works superbly both as an introduction to Nelson's Navy and as a companion to all the specialist books an enthusiast may have already collected. (Published by Conway Maritime Press, price £35).

RW

BATMAN, BOND AND RAMBO!

BATMAN was born in May 1939 in the pages of Detective Comics, the creation of a cartoonist named Bob Kane.



Screen Scene

Unlike, say, Superman, he had no magic powers, unless you count money (his alter ego Bruce Wayne is the richest man in America), but was simply a crime fighter with a weird taste in accoutrements.

He was first annexed by the movies in 1943 for a cliff-hanger serial, a staple for years after of Saturday morning kids' matinees; and in the mid-60s he was the subject of a popular TV series.

Now he has returned to the big screen in one of the most expensive — and profitable — movies ever made, released to the Fleet on 16mm this month.

Immediately noticeable is the change of tone. Gone are the campy jokes of the 60s version, gone too (thankfully) is Robin the Boy Wonder. This Batman is brooding, even sinister, and played by Michael Keaton in a deliberately low-key manner, the better to contrast with Jack Nicholson's gleefully maniacal Joker.

The film's sets are some of the most eye-filling imaginable (and will inevitably be diminished on video). Art director Anton Furst's dank and dangerous Gotham City, where it always seems to be night and over which the Joker looms monstrously, is a brilliant creation. Not surprisingly, the sets were left standing for future use: *Batman II* will flit on to our screens later in the year.

Another hero undergoing something of a transformation

is James Bond. As played for the second time by Timothy Dalton in *Licence to Kill*, he is clearly getting further and further away from the devil-may-care flamboyance of his previous incarnation and returning to Ian Fleming's original characterisation of a ruthless tough guy.

This concept has been pursued to the extent that the film's producers have denied themselves a slice of their usual audience, via its 15 certificate. Otherwise though, the action is as spectacular as the bad guys are as colourful and, in the person of Carey Lowell, the lady as delectable as in any Bond film.

Lock Up, the new Sylvester Stallone movie, has been made available to the Fleet in advance of its cinema release. It's an ultra-tough prison movie in which evil warden Donald Sutherland relentlessly goads model prisoner Stallone, hoping to provoke him into the retaliation which will forfeit his chance of early release.

Needless to say, Sylvester is duly goaded and, biceps throbbing, wades into the warden's cronies.

The most worrying question is how so obviously unstable a nut as Sutherland ever got to be warden. Looks like a cock-up at the lock-up.

Finally, a comedy to counter-balance all this drama — although some of the goings-on in *Wilt* are more extreme than even Bond or Batman have to face.

YACHTSMEN'S BEST FRIEND

CRAMMED with navigational data, charts and maps, this year's edition of the *Macmillan and Silk Cut Nautical Almanac* once again proves an invaluable companion for yachtsmen.

Edited by Rear Admiral I.J. Lees-Spalding and Wing-Cdr. Basil D'Oliveira, the softback almanac is priced at £15.95. For each copy sold, Macmillan and Silk Cut will make a donation towards a much-needed D-class lifeboat for the RNLI.

One man's wartime

AS A member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve during the Second World War, Michael Auriol Buxton took part in many famous events.

He was even acting ADC to Winston Churchill while the PM was aboard the Prince of Wales for the Atlantic Charter Meeting with President Roosevelt.

That episode and a host of others, including the Bismarck action and D-Day, are recorded in his privately published softback, *Service at Sea*. Cheques for £9 made payable to M.A. Buxton should be addressed to him at Rose Cottage, Gayton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 1PA.

DOCKYARDS IN CAMERA

ROYAL Dockyards In Camera by Philip MacDougall shows in over 70 pictures what those naval leviathans looked like in Victorian and Edwardian times.

There is much still recognisable in the photographs of Portsmouth, Devonport and Chatham.

Other yards which served the Royal Navy — Pembroke, Sheerness, Woolwich and Deptford among them — and overseas yards at Malta, Bermuda and Gibraltar are also featured in this neat little hardback, published by Quotes Ltd. of Buckingham at £7.95.

Blooms
OF GUERNSEY

ORDER BY
PHONE



Telephone: 0481-53085

Flowers by Post

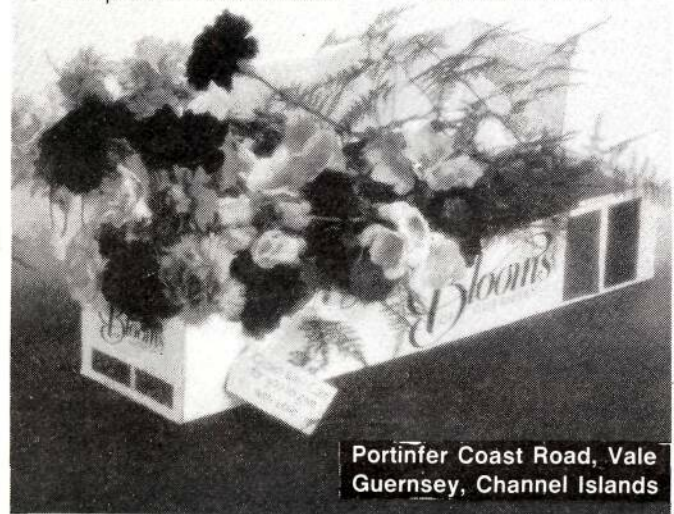
6 Carnations	£7.50	10 Carnations	£10.00
20 Carnations	£15.00	10 Freesias	£5.75
20 Freesias	£10.00	30 Freesias	£13.00
40 Freesias	£16.00	6 Roses	£9.50
10 Roses	£14.00	20 Roses	£21.50
6 Carnations & 5 Iris	£8.50		
6 Carnations & 10 Freesias	£10.00		
10 Carnations & 10 Freesias	£14.50		
10 Carnations & 20 Freesias	£16.50		

Single Rose: £4.50

Mixed Bouquets: £10.00 to £25.00

Prices inclusive of Post, Package, VAT and Fern. Free Flower Brochure on request.

We accept Access, Visa and American Express credit cards.



Portinier Coast Road, Vale
Guernsey, Channel Islands

PROMOTE YOURSELF

With



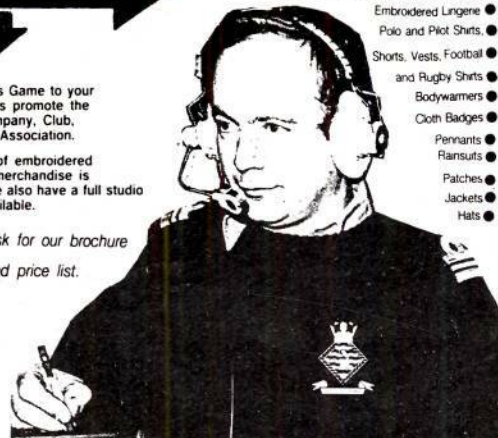
Play the Promotions Game to your advantage — let us promote the image of your Company, Club, Regiment, Ship or Association.

Our quality range of embroidered or screen-printed merchandise is second to none. We also have a full studio design service available.



Design Service Available

Ask for our brochure and price list.



- Sweatshirts screen-printed/Embossed (12 colours)
- Embroidered sweaters in lambswool and courtelle (9 colours)
- T-shirts (12 colours)
- Tracksuits and Jogging Suits (10 colours)
- Embroidered Longsleeve
- Polo and Pilot Shirts
- Shorts, Vests, Football
- and Rugby Shirts
- Bodywarmers
- Cloth Badges
- Pennants
- Ransuits
- Patches
- Jackets
- Hats

HARGREAVES
SPORTS-SNOOKER-AMUSEMENT MACHINES
EMBROIDERY & SCREEN PRINT SERVICES
Rodney Road, Fratton Industrial Estate, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO4 8SY Telephone (0705) 822436



SHAKY PEACE AND WORLD CONFLICTS

EDITED by Dr Noble Frankland, *The Encyclopedia of 20th Century Warfare* has been written by an international team of military historians.

Included are seven major essays, illustrated in colour, tracing developments from the age of transition in the nineteenth century to the era of "Star Wars".

More than 3,000 alphabetically-organised entries and 500 photographs, maps and pictures back these up to create an authoritative reference to the complex subject of modern warfare.

Noble Frankland, historical adviser to Thames Television in the production of "The World at War," was director of the Imperial War Museum from 1960 to 1982. Published by Mitchell Beazley, the encyclopaedia costs £14.95 hardback.

Marching to War (Bracken Books, priced £9.95 hardback) traces the run-up to the Second World War through the words and photographs of the Illustrated London News.

With its introduction by Martin Gilbert, Winston Churchill's official biographer, the book provides an absorbing record of the tumultuous pre-war years.

A pack of aces

SKUA pilot Bill Lucy, a senior Lieutenant in the Royal Navy prior to and during the Second World War, and sometime commanding officer of 801 Squadron, was an inveterate risk-taker.

Although perhaps careless of his own life, his courage in defending Britain against the Germans won him a place in naval history and, posthumously, the Distinguished Service Order.

He admitted that in attacks on enemy aircraft he never opened fire until about to collide with the enemy plane's rear turret, convinced that this was the best way of blasting them out of the sky.

Bill met an untimely end when one of the rear gunners got him first, but it was a death absolutely in keeping with the way he lived.

Second World War flying ace, Laddie Lucas, has included Bill's story — and that of two other Fleet Air Arm heroes of the time — Bobby Bradshaw and Anglo-American David Foster — in his book. *Thanks for the Memory — Unforgettable Characters in Air Warfare 1939-45*.

The hardback, published by Stanley Paul, priced £16.95, is a fascinating compilation of pen portraits of famous fliers by famous fliers. The layout of the book is initially a little confusing, with potted histories of their authors or brief comments on the subjects of the articles preceding the pieces.

The writing style is not consistent, varying from the rather boringly biographical to tales of high adventure but there is still plenty to capture the interest and imagination of professionals and non-professionals alike.

JMD

FROGMEN MARCH ONWARD

WORK underwater remains treacherous despite huge advances over the past century in equipment and technological back-up; dangerous tides and currents, stormy seas and cold continue to dog divers ...

For military divers, of course, there are added enemies — the opposing forces for a start and everything they can deploy to put a diver out of action.

In *Combat Frogmen — Military Diving from the Nineteenth Century to the Present Day* author Michael Welham shines a light into the shadowy depths of underwater soldiering and sailing.

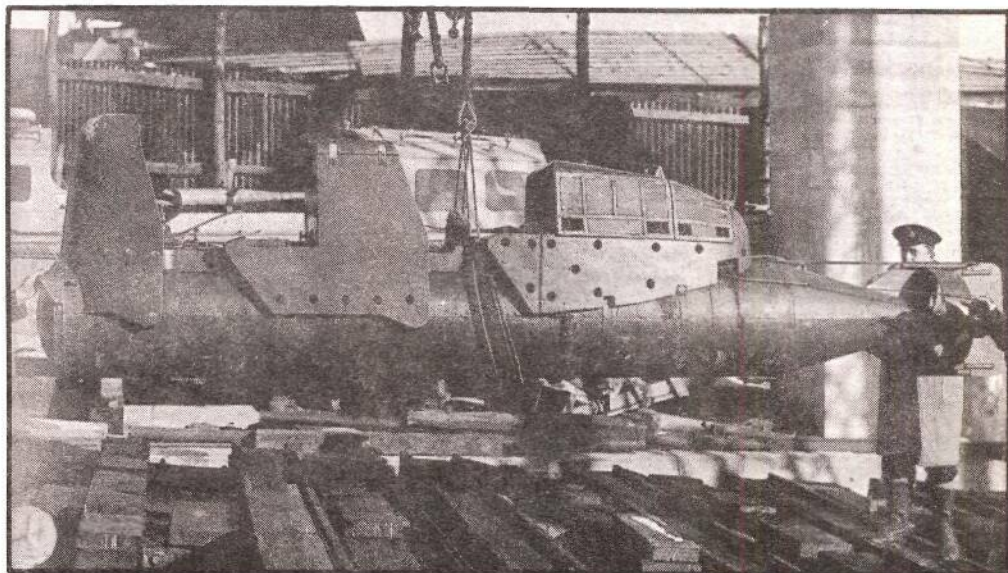
A former Royal Marine diver/parachutist, Mr. Welham saw active service in Aden, later transferring to the SAS and 95 Commando Special Forces.

Another ex-Royal, leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats, Mr. Paddy Ashdown wrote the foreword to the book. In it he said: "The world of the combat swimmer is a lonely and silent one, where life constantly

rests on the efficiency of your equipment, the courage of your colleague and the effectiveness of your preparation."

Illustrated throughout with black and white photographs, the book also contains 15 colour shots.

(Published by Patrick Stephens Ltd. at £16.95 hardback.)



Left: Britain designed and developed the underwater Chariot. This example is without the explosive warhead at the nose.

Top: On the surface the Chariot made a small target.

Dangers of the deep

IF THE RUBBISH DIDN'T GET YOU THE RATS AND 'ROACHES MIGHT

IF serving in a sweltering submarine in dangerous Far Eastern waters was no Second World War picnic, emptying the boat's gash buckets was just one of the hazards.

Slopping over with uneaten dinners, they had to be

hauled by rope up the conning tower at night and ditched over the leeward side of the bridge. Often half the contents finished up either in the tower or the control room beneath!

When the klaxon sounded in the middle of an operation the gash party up top and the two lookouts leapt for the conning tower hatch as the boat started to dive — with about 30 swilling gash buckets lined up under the control room ladder.

According to one description of the unsavoury scene, "The skipper and Jimmy were dancing around in the control room, leaping in and out of buckets while all of us who had to run the length of the boat to get to our diving stations got caught up in the general melee, skidding around on spud peelings and lumps of fat as the boat plunged down."

Such day-to-day episodes on, under or above the water are colourfully described by scores of "ordinary men at war on the sea" in *The British Sailor*.

The boat with the gash problem was the T-class Tactician and the writer, Iain Nethercott DSM.

Telling how the food on board was "all wrong", he recalls, "We had jars of salt tablets and 'Sunshine Pills' (Vitamin C) in all the messes. For a long time they had been mistrusted by Jolly Jack, as some-

one had spread the buzz that they dampened his sexual ardour, like Ganges bromide.

"Then it got round that they had just the opposite effect, and were swallowed by the handful. I've often wondered when they'll start to work."

Water was short and the boat infested with rats and cockroaches. A naval surgeon was taken to sea on one patrol to report on conditions. "He collapsed in the second week and nearly died in his bunk. The temperature was 140 degrees, beyond which they reckoned men couldn't survive. We did."

Kew Gardens

Sailing from Trincomalee, they used to fill the boat with green tropical fruit which was hung from every available space except engine, control and motor rooms. "Looking through the boat into the fore-ends looked like the tropical house at Kew Gardens. The trouble was that it all went rotten after a couple of days and made the ship stink more than ever!"

When Admiral "Slim" Somerville went on board before one hazardous patrol and looked into the stokers' mess all he saw was a mass of greenery with one of the killick stokers stark naked looking for his sea-going sarong. "Like Tarzan of the bloody apes," said the Admiral.

The book's first-hand descriptions capture a worldwide spread of the war at sea, with linking commentary by author Kenneth Poolman, himself ex-RN. It is a story of regulars who found themselves reluctantly in Navy recruiting offices during the Depression for a "pair of boots and three square meals a day" and of Hostilities Only men, enlisted from all walks of life.

Tragedy and humour mingle freely in extracts from diaries, letters, interviews and the author's personal memories.

There are the recollections of men who watched the mighty Hood blow up and shadowed the Bismarck until revenge was exacted; of the flying sailors of the Fleet Air Arm; and of the smooth Combined Operator

who slept with a sergeant-major (female).

There is, too — in these interesting items for the Wrens — a brief glimpse of the wartime activities of their predecessors. "Today, no-one should be surprised that girls could run tenders, picket boats, mail boats, hospital boats, boarding drifters and skimming dishes, ceremoniously twirl a boathook and belay a rope with the best foretopman in the Fleet."

But the strength of the book lies in the ability of the words of sailors, half a century on, to capture the spirit of the times

The British Sailor, by Kenneth Poolman, is published by Arms and Armour Press at £12.95 (there are parallel books covering soldiers and airmen).

Novel look at Service life

THREE new novels take their readers into Service life at the beginning of last century, during the Second World War and in the modern United States Air Force.

Naval historian Dudley Pope gives his hero, Capt. Lord Nicholas Ramage, command of a third rate in his latest adventure. *Ramage and the Dido*, and despatches him to sort out problems with the French in Martinique. (Published by Alison Press (Secker and Warburg), priced £11.95).

In *The Fighting Spirit* by Charles Gidley (Collins, priced £12.95) the war years are seen through the eyes of

Griff Wilmot, a cavalry officer, Simone, his French wife, and Lieut.-Cdr. Archie Trendle-Home, her lover.

And finally Dale Brown's novel, *Day of the Cheetah*, invites us aboard America's most secret combat weapon, a modified two-seater F-15E, nicknamed Cheetah. The hero of this thriller (published by Grafton at £12.95) is Maj. Pat Mc. Lanahan, last in action in *Flight of the Old Dog*.

BOOKS. Send for our list of used and antiquarian NAVAL BOOKS. N. Fisher Nautical, Huntswood House, St. Helena Lane, Streat, Hassocks, BN6 8SD, Sussex.

"HMS GANGES, the Final Farewell." Ideal birthday/surprise present. Video documentary including all aspects of GANGES prior to demolishing. NELSON HALL, LAUNDRY HILL, SICK QUARTERS, COVERED WAYS, GYMNASIUMS, SPORTSFIELDS, HARBOUR, etc. One tear-jerking hour of nostalgia. Produced, directed by JOHN DOUGLAS, author "HMS GANGES. Roll on my dozen!" S.A.E. details: Douglas House, Boscawetha, Penmarth, Carnmenellis, Nr. Redruth, Cornwall, TR16 6NX.

CHARITY COMMISSION

National Charity: The Royal Naval and Royal Marines Children's Trust
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 209684-A2-LB) at St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

NAVAL and MARITIME BOOKS

BOUGHT AND SOLD
Shop Open 10-4 (Closed Wednesday)
Write for Free Catalogues
FRANK SMITH MARITIME BOOKS
98/100 Heaton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5HL Tel: 091 265 6333



Notice Board



Honours

ROYAL NAVY awards in the 1990 New Year Honours List included the following:

KCB — Vice-Admiral J. F. Coward.

CB — Rear-Admiral P. G. V. Dingemans, Rear-Admiral F. L. Lardet, Rear-Admiral R. O. Morris.

CBE — Capt. D. Hart-Dyke, Capt. T. J. Meadows, Principal Nursing Officer E. M. Northway, QARNNS, Capt. P. B. Rowe.

OBE — Cdr. K. Allsopp, Cdr. H. A. Diver, Cdr. M. H. Farr, Cdr. A. L. Horton, Cdr. T. Jones, Cdr. W. H. Maxwell, Cdr. B. McLellan, Cdr. A. C. Moore, Cdr. W. G. F. Organ, Cdr. A. N. Topp, Cdr. R. C. Whiteside.

MBE — Capt. (SCC) P. F. Ansell, RMR, Lieut. M. P. Bullock, Lieut.-Cdr. K. R. Doney, Lieut.-Cdr. D. A. Gooding, Lieut.-Cdr. E. W. Greetham, Lieut.-Cdr. M. Llewellyn-Jones, Lieut.-Cdr. W. M. Meir, WO J. Moulson, Lieut. J. A. Nundy, WO R. Riddell, WO K. G. Sadler, Lieut.-Cdr. (SCC) W. J. Shakespeare, RNR, Lieut.-Cdr. R. W. Street, Lieut.-Cdr. J. H. S. Yorke.

BEM — CWRENWTR L. K. Burgon, WRNR, APOWEA(M) M. G. Dunne, CPOWEA C. J. Edwards, CPOPT D. Evans.

Turner, AWRENREG M. A. Fisher, CPOACMN R. J. Foster, CAEM(R) J. N. Hards, Mne W. J. Hazle, CPOAEA(WL) G. J. Howe, C/Sgt J. E. Jackson RMR, POMEM(M) H. A. Jones, CPOWEA R. L. Le Fur, CCWEA K. D. Light, C/Sgt M. E. McKenna, RMR, POWTR I. M. Parks, CWREN (Degaussing) L. Trodd, WRNR, CPOWEA W. S. Wakefield, CPO(OPS)(M) J. E. Wallace, CPOMEA(P) A. T. Willsher, CPOWEA D. L. Woolner.

ROYAL RED CROSS — Principal Nursing Officer J. Tingley, QARNNS.

ARRC — Superintending Nursing Officer P. V. Bacon-Upshon, QARNNS, Superintending Nursing Officer H. R. M. Schofield, QARNNS.

AFC — Lieut.-Cdr. G. J. M. W. Broadwater.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air — Lieut. A. R. Edney, Lieut.-Cdr. T. Jane, Lieut.-Cdr. K. J. Lambert.

Royal Victorian Order: LVO — Cdr. P. J. Hughes, RVM Silver — ACPSTD G. K. Easter, ACP(OPS)(S) P. D. R. Young.

Promotions to Chief

AUTHORITY for promotion of the following ratings to chief petty officer was issued by HMS Centurion in January:

OPERATIONS BRANCH (SEAMAN GROUP)

To CPO(OPS)(EW) — L. Osbourne (Birmingham), G. Drewery (Drake).

To CPO(OPS)(M) — A. R. Barnes (Heron), R. W. Mattock (Amazon), W. N. Allen (Cumberland), R. E. Craig (Dryad), I. Hutton (Dryad), A. G. Imms (Quorn), G. H. Roberts (Active), R. J. Jennings (Plover), W. Shawford (Collingwood), F. W. Hudson (Berkeley), K. R. Morris (Raleigh), R. K. Elliston (Dryad), M. J. Wright (Alacrity), E. A. Cave (Andromeda), P. A. G. Fortin (Dryad), P. Hales (CINCFLFET), M. Duffy (Phoebe), M. Bradford (Nottingham).

To CPO(OPS)(R) — G. G. Rogers (Atherstone), P. C. Langford (Boxer), D. N. Wright (Dryad), M. A. Turley (Brazen), J. B. Sincok (Dryad), B. J. Sandilands (Dryad), R. C. Cobb (FOSNI OPS), G. S. Williams (Sheffield), G. S. Pedersen (Dryad), G. E. Hillbourne (Birmingham), J. N. Simister (Ft Eng, Whale Isle), S. D. Watson (Danae), B. G. Kemble (Cambridge).

To CPO(OPS)(S) — K. G. Moss (Gosport), M. S. Dutton (Sheffield), R. J. Forrester (Newcastle).

To CPO(SEA) — W. T. Amery (Achilles), R. P. Turner (Cornwall), P. M. Edwards (Hecia), C. Gemmell (RNR London), R. E. Sharp (Collingwood), W. D. Logan (Argonaut), R. M. Gould (Minerva), M. A. Batt (Brazen), R. Crosby (Dolphin), P. Eddy (Raleigh), D. W. Oprey (Norfolk).

(COMMUNICATIONS GROUP), REG. PT AND R.

To CCY — D. J. Cutter (Mercury), P. W. Lippe (Norfolk), C. E. King (Mercury OXP), G. Clisset (COMCEN Whitehall).

To CCCT — C. C. Horrocks (Beaver), G. Porter (SCU Leydene), I. P. Hamilton (SCU Leydene), P. S. Bond (SCU Leydene), K. J. Elliott (GCHQ Cheltenham).

To CPOPT — P. Shipston (Exeter), V. J.

Parsons (Nelson), R. C. Penfold (Centurion), B. Richardson (Osprey), M. J. Garrity (Dolphin), N. J. Holohan (Arrow).

To MAA — S. C. Rigler (Illustrator), R. M. Beardmore (Juno), M. J. Bone (Battleaxe), P. M. Ward (Ambuscade), G. E. Ward (Active), C. Deeming (Defiance FMB), A. J. Pritchard (Blackwater), M. B. Longhurst (Nelson), A. B. West (Collingwood), K. A. Cruickshank (CINCNAVHOME), C. N. Dinsdale (Lindisfarne), J. Masterson (Southampton), K. R. Hird (Peter), P. F. Messitt (Glasgow), J. H. Parker (Charydis), R. Newell (Challenger), M. J. Warr (Phoebe), N. J. P. Kueneman (Nottingham), C. A. Burden (Edinburgh), P. Rothwell (Danae), K. C. Williams (Nelson Reg. Sch), C. R. Browne (Collingwood).

MARINE ENGINEERING

To CMEM(L) — S. Lunt (Nelson NBD), To CMEM(M) — M. Dees (Ark Royal).

WEAPON ENGINEERING

To CWEM(O) — C. P. Mallett (Nottingham), A. Walls (York), B. N. Woods (Manchester).

To CWEM(R) — S. J. Parkes (ROCHAM), G. Bryson (Dumbarton Castle), D. J. Taylor (Gib. Naval Base), C. J. Austin (Battleaxe), C. P. Cadman (Minerva), D. Macfarlane (Portsmouth NB), M. P. Rose (SNONI), C. S. Sluman (Cardiff), P. T. Crampton (Ark Royal), G. S. Morris (York).

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

To CPOCA — R. G. W. Greaves (Raleigh), To CPOCK — G. J. Wilkinson (Raleigh Aldershot).

To CPOST — C. Metcalfe (Norfolk), A. D. Barrett (POST), D. A. Bray (Seahawk), M. D. Braid (St. Vincent), C. F. Dye (Beaver).

MEDICAL BRANCH

To CMT — D. W. Curlett (RNH Plymouth), To CMT — D. W. Curlett (RNH Plymouth).

SUBMARINE BRANCH

To CPO(COXN)(SM) — R. D. Walters (Osiris), D. S. Johnson (Sovereign), M. Gudgeon (Swiftsure), E. J. W. Walton (Tireless).

To CPO(OPS)(S)(SM) — M. A. Saffell (Spartan), S. Lister (Captain SM2), R. J.

Ward (Revenge Stbd), I. G. S. Cochrane (Trafalgar).

To CPO(OPS)(TS)(SM) — C. Pauley (FOSM Faslane), P. M. Smith (Tireless), A. P. Anderson (Captain SM2), C. Elliott (Turbulent), D. B. Hutchinson (Neptune SM3).

To CR(SM) — D. J. Pristaw (Revenge Stbd).

To CMEM(L)(SM) — K. J. P. Doyle (Revenge Port).

To CWEM(O)(SM) — W. D. Sawyer (Neptune SM10), W. G. Lyons (Neptune NT).

To CPOSA(SM) — K. Morris (Defiance FMB), J. J. Carr (Sovereign).

FLEET AIR ARM

To CPOA(MET) — D. P. Reed (CINCBERLANT).

To CPOA(PHOT) — K. R. Rixon (CINC-FLEET PHOT UNIT).

To CPOA(SEE) — A. K. Garner (Osprey), B. A. Scott (LEE BDN), S. A. Smith (RAF Wyton), M. E. Beech (Portland BDN), P. L. Moss (Intrepid).

WRNS BRANCHES

To CPOCQA — V. A. Kirwan (SRA (SMS) Gosport).

To CPOGRN — S. I. Middleton (RNH Plymouth), A. Dobson (RNH Haslar), C. L. Riley (RNH Haslar).

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ARTIFICER

HMS Centurion has been notified of the following promotions to chief petty officer artificer which were made by commanding officers in December and January:

CPOMEA — S. L. Whiffing (Nelson Gunwharf).

ACPOMEA — A. J. Silverthorne (Defiance FMB).

CPOWEA — E. Fisher (Achilles).

ACPOWEA — S. Cordery (Sheffield).

ACTING CHARGE CHIEF ARTIFICER

Authority was issued by HMS Centurion in December for the following ratings to be promoted to acting charge chief artificer:

To ACCMEA — K. Brain (Sheffield), T. Buchanan (Valiant), J. Gibbon (Tireless), S. J. Perry (Repulse), D. A. Ernest (Torbay), R. M. Madders (Sovereign).

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The deaths are reported of the following shipmates:

Sybil, Dowager Marchioness of Cholmondeley, CBE, president Kings Lynn. Superintendent WRNS 1939-46. Aged 95.

C. Golding and E. Pearson, Brentwood. J. Neil, vice-chairman, Shard End, Birmingham.

A. Beckett, Wythenshawe.

R. Strick, Cleethorpes. Served HMS Norfolk in Bismark action. Aged 66.

J. Sweeney, life-president Cleethorpes. L. Barrett, ex-branch and club secretary, Warrington.

K. Belshaw, Taunton.

R. Williams, founder and life member and ex-chairman, Wythenshawe. Served with Combined Operations.

Rev. H. G. Smith, Padre, Bridport.

F. C. Pryer, Bridport. Aged 70.

H. Cole, Dundee. Served in HMS Vestal and Jewel. Also member of Algerines Assn. Aged 63.

B. Fowler, artefacts boss, York. Ex-CPO(QAL). Served 23 years.

T. Smith, president Finsbury, deputy president No. 1 Area. Ex-PO gunlayer's mate.

L. G. Mullett, Poole. Served on HMS King George V and Combined Ops. Aged 66.

C. Baker, D. Dawes, and Mrs. O. Brown (ex-Dundee branch), Peterborough.

H. Webster, BEM, Ipswich. Ex-CPOSTD. Aged 68.

G. Fairley, M. Mullaney former club steward, and L. Stedall, Portsmouth.

D. Whitehouse, vice-chairman Wolverhampton. Also vice-president North Russia Club.

W. G. Malpas, Wolverhampton.

C. Charles, Bury St. Edmunds. Aged 62.

Mrs. J. Fogg, Mrs. E. Edwards and Mrs. H. Morton, Capenhurst.

E. Jones, Atherton. Served 27 years. Aged 59.

A. Payne, Waterloo. Served on HMS Bulwark. Aged 75.

S. B. Slote, life member and president, Bourne. Survivor HMS York. Aged 70.

S. Nottage, Northampton. Aged 74.

A. Lewis, Bury. Ex-YS.

J. Kemp, D. Bennett and J. Allen, Gravesend.

Capt. F. L. Mills, CBE, DSC (retd), president Dartford.

J. A. H. Rogers, DSM, founder member Poole. Aged 71.

Officer Promotions

Geddes, O. J. Davies, K. R. Doney, I. P. G. Tibbitt, D. J. Issitt, P. J. Broadway, R. T. Love.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT: To captain — A. P. Hallett, J. J. Hart.

To commander — G. R. Philpott, M. J. Bamforth, R. R. Morris, A. Menzies, B. N. Rayner, R. M. Grainger.

INSTRUCTOR: To captain — B. L. Neville.

To commander — M. S. Rogers, T. Tomkowiak, J. B. M. Rees.

MEDICAL: To surgeon captain — J. D. Buchanan.

To surgeon commander — L. J. Jarvis, S. J. Ryder, P. J. Waugh, G. M. F. Woodroffe.

DENTAL: To surgeon captain (D) — G. H. A. Rudge.

ROYAL MARINES: To colonel — R. S. Tailyour.

To lieutenant-colonel — A. J. W. Higginson, M. J. Meardon.

To major — R. S. Grant, T. C. G. Hunter, R. Hutchings, T. M. Gregory.

Merit Medals

MERITORIOUS Service Medal awards to RN and RM personnel for first half of 1990:

MAA(CAS) R. A. L. Austen, CSGT A. J. Baker, RM, CPO(D) C. J. Ballinger, WO(AEM) R. J. Barradough, CSGT R. J. Chivers, RM, CPOA(L) T. L. Chivers, CPO(SEA) B. W. Clutton, A/WO1 T. G. Cuthbertson, CPOA(WL) H. R. Davies, WO(MT)(SM) R. M. Evans, CPOSA P. J. Finan, CMEA(CAS) L. W. Gamble,

WO(WTR) D. O. Gawler, CSGT H. Gray, RM, WO(RS) D. N. Greig, WOMEA(P) C. W. Hamilton, WOMEA(P) C. Helm, CPOA(M) W. N. Hicks, CPOWEA G. Hill, WOMEA(ADC) P. R. A. Jones, WOMEA R. Lake, WOMEA P. A. Middleton, CCCT D. Owen, CPO(OPS)(M) C. N. Pappas, WO(SEA) D. G. Plymsol, WOMEA(P) S. Roche, WOMEA(P)(CAS) D. A. Siggers, CPOWEA T. J. Thirst, CCCT D. K. F. Thomas.

Appointments

CAPT. P. B. Rowe is to be promoted rear-admiral on February 5 and to be Military Deputy to the Head of Defence Export Services.

His recent posts have included Commodore Clyde and HMS Neptune.

Other appointments announced include:

Surg. Capt. A. L. Revell. Director of Clinical Services, MOD DMSD, from Jan. 1990 in the rank of surgeon commodore.

Cdr. R. N. Lucey. Broadswold in command. May 18.

Cdr. N. S. Holden. Danae in command. Feb. 6.

Lieut.-Cdr. R. C. Faulks. Bicester in command. May 9.

Points

Points

THE following list shows the total points of the men and women at the top of each advancement roster for petty officer and leading rates as at January 1, 1990.

Intermediaries (Int) indicates that personnel can be advanced before they are eligible to receive merit points or before the roster can be adjusted to take account of them.

This means that personnel are advanced in "basic date" order. Dates shown against "Int" rosters are the basic dates of the top eligible personnel.

The number following the points (or basic dates) is the number of men who were advanced during December.

PO(EW)/RS(W) — Int (30.9.88), Nil; **LS(EW)/LRO(W)** — Dry, 2; **PO(M)** — Int (17.3.89), Nil; **LS(M)** — Int (9.6.89), Nil; **PO(R)** — Int (2.10.87), Nil; **LS(R)** — Dry, 12; **PO(S)** — Dry, 6; **LS(S)** — Int (9.6.89), 4; **PO(D)** — Int (29.9.89), Nil; **LS(D)** — Int (19.6.87), Nil; **PO(MW)** — Dry, 2; **LS(MW)** — Dry, Nil; **PO(SR)** — Int (9.6.89), Nil; **LS(SR)** — Int (9.6.89), Nil; **PO(SEA)** — Int (17.6.88), Nil; **CY** — 96; 1; **LRO(T)** — Int (22.3.88), 4; **RS** — Int (29.9.87), 2; **LRO(G)** — Int (14.3.89), 7; **POPT** — 443; 1; **RPO** — 155, Nil.

POEM(L)(GS) — Int (22.1.89), 6; **LMEM(L)(GS)** — Int (14.7.88), Nil; **POEM(M)(GS)** — Int (11.6.87), 18; **LMEM(M)(GS)** — Int (11.6.87), 17; **POWE-M(O)(GS)** — Dry, 8; **LWE(M)(GS)** — Int (24.1.89), 5; **POWE(R)(GS)** — Int (5.9.89), Nil.

POA(METOC) — 448; 1; **LA(METOC)** — Int (16.6.89), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 968, Nil; **POA(SEE)** — 122; Nil; **LA(SEE)** — Int (30.9.87), Nil; **POACMN** — 456, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(M)** — 385, Nil; **POAEM(R)** — Int (3.3.88), 2; **LAEM(R)** — 276; 4; **POAEM(WL)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(WL)** — 424, Nil.

POWREN(R) — 205, Nil; **LWREN(R)** — 156, 3; **POWREN(RS)** — Int (29.9.87), 1;

3; LWEM(R)(GS) — Dry, 11; **POCA** — Int (23.2.89), 1; **POCK(GS)** — Int (16.6.87), Nil; **LCK(GS)** — 138, 9; **POSTD(GS)** — 417, 4; **LSTD(GS)** — Int (16.2.88), 7; **POSA(GS)** — 221, Nil; **LSA(GS)** — Int (23.6.88), 7; **POWTR(GS)** — Int (26.10.88), Nil; **LWTR(GS)** — Dry, 4; **POMA** — 275, Nil; **LMA** — Int (11.7.89), 4.

PO(SM) — Dry, Nil; **LS(S)(SM)** — Int (23.6.88), 6; **PO(TS)(SM)** — Dry, 2; **LS(TS)(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **RS(SM)** — 75, Nil; **LRO(SM)** — Int (6.12.88), Nil; **PO-MEM(L)(SM)** — 265, Nil; **LMEM(L)(SM)** — Int (9.10.87), 2; **POEM(M)(SM)** — 464, Nil; **LMEM(M)(SM)** — 216, Nil; **POEM(O)(SM)** — Int (1.3.88), 2; **LWEM(O)(SM)** — Int (15.12.87), 4; **POWEM(R)(SM)** — Dry, 1; **LWEM(R)(SM)** — Int (1.12.87), Nil; **PO(UW)(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **POSA(SM)** — 144, 1; **LSA(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **POWTR(SM)** — Int (5.4.88), Nil; **LWTR(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **POCK(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **LCK(C)(SM)** — 285, Nil; **POSTD(SM)** — Int (20.10.88), Nil; **LSTD(SM)** — 94, Nil.

POAN(M) — 268, Nil; **LA(AH)** — 482, Nil; **POA(METOC)** — 448; 1; **LA(METOC)** — Int (16.6.89), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 968, Nil; **POA(SEE)** — 122; Nil; **LA(SEE)** — Int (30.9.87), Nil; **POACMN** — 456, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(M)** — 385, Nil; **POAEM(R)** — Int (3.3.88), 2; **LAEM(R)** — 276; 4; **POAEM(WL)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(WL)** — 424, Nil.

POWREN(R) — 205, Nil; **LWREN(R)** — 156, 3; **POWREN(RS)** — Int (29.9.87), 1;

POA(METOC) — 448; 1; **LA(METOC)** — Int (16.6.89), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 968, Nil; **POA(SEE)** — 122; Nil; **LA(SEE)** — Int (30.9.87), Nil; **POACMN** — 456, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(M)** — 385, Nil; **POAEM(R)** — Int (3.3.88), 2; **LAEM(R)** — 276; 4; **POAEM(WL)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(WL)** — 424, Nil.

POWREN(R) — 205, Nil; **LWREN(R)** — 156, 3; **POWREN(RS)** — Int (29.9.87), 1;

POA(METOC) — 448; 1; **LA(METOC)** — Int (16.6.89), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 968, Nil; **POA(SEE)** — 122; Nil; **LA(SEE)** — Int (30.9.87), Nil; **POACMN** — 456, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(M)** — 385, Nil; **POAEM(R)** — Int (3.3.88), 2; **LAEM(R)** — 276; 4; **POAEM(WL)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(WL)** — 424, Nil.

POWREN(R) — 205, Nil; **LWREN(R)** — 156, 3; **POWREN(RS)** — Int (29.9.87), 1;

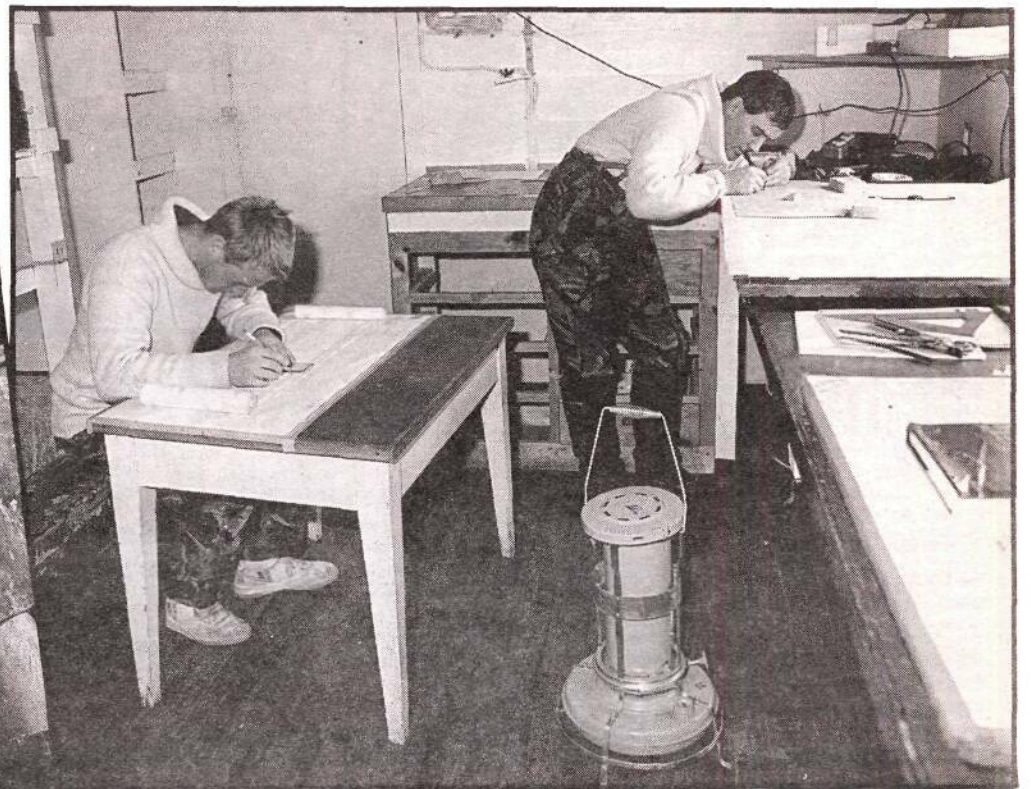
POA(METOC) — 448; 1; **LA(METOC)** — Int (16.6.89), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 968, Nil; **POA(SEE)** — 122; Nil; **LA(SEE)** — Int (30.9.87), Nil; **POACMN** — 456, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(M)** — 385, Nil; **POAEM(R)** — Int (3.3.88), 2; **LAEM(R)** — 276; 4; **POAEM(WL)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(WL)** — 424, Nil.

POWREN(R) — 205, Nil; **LWREN(R)** — 156, 3; **POWREN(RS)** — Int (29.9.87), 1;

POA(METOC) — 448; 1; **LA(METOC)** — Int (16.6.89), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 968, Nil; **POA(SEE)** — 122; Nil; **LA(SEE)** — Int (30.9.87), Nil; **POACMN** — 456, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — Int (5.11.87), Nil; **LAEM(M)** — 385, Nil; **POAEM(R)** — Int (3.3.88), 2; **LAEM(R)** — 276



Crossing the line was an experience LA(SE) Bob Howatson will remember as one of the highlights of his first deployment on board the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance. Having paid homage to King Neptune, CPO(SA) Nigel Eastmead, he was shaved by "doctors" POMEA Wayne Ross and CCMEA Steve Gibbons before being thrown to the bears. He is pictured in the tender clutches of CCMEA Gibbons (left) and POMEA Ross.



Drawing up the survey ashore on South Georgia. AB(SR) Tim Norman calls the depth echo trace while Lieut. Duncan Tilley adds the soundings to the survey.

A whale of a time in Georgia

LIFE is not all at sea for men serving in the Royal Navy's ice patrol ship HMS Endurance. They even go camping in Antarctica!

During the first work period of the current seven-months deployment down South a party from Endurance set up camp in the abandoned whaling station at Husvik, on South Georgia.

Landed by helicopter and boat, the party under the command of Lieut. Duncan Tilley completed a comprehensive survey of the inner harbour.

Lieut. Tilley's team consisted of four survey recorder ratings, four ratings for technical and operations support, and Mr. Scouse Braken, the ship's Naafi assistant.

The data gathered, together with the information gained from 20 hours flown by the ship's helicopter carrying out vertical photography, will provide the material for the coastline and topography on a new series of Admiralty charts.

Civilian passengers embarked in Endurance included five mountaineers from the Southern Ocean Mountain Expedition, two scientists from the Scott Polar Research Institute, and a team of salvage consultants.

On South Georgia the salvage consultants assessed the amount of oil, pollutants, wasted steel and machinery left behind in the wake of the Falklands conflict.

An examination was also made of the whale catcher Karakatta, built in Oslo in 1912, and used in the latter years of its life to provide power for shore establishments.

For Endurance Christmas Day proved a little unseasonal as the temperature rose to 18° Centigrade.

A relaxing day was followed

by a sporting Boxing Day when the Wardroom lost 5-2 to the Senior Rates at soccer before the ship's company beat C Company of the Green Howards, the current resident Army unit in South Georgia, 6-2 in a thrilling match.

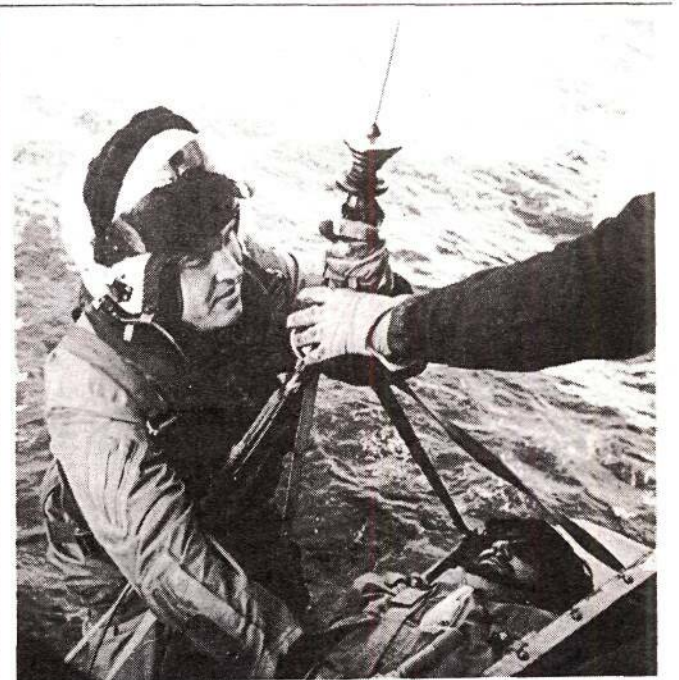
While on patrol in support of

the Endurance's first work programme the ship's company kept themselves busy in their off-watch time.

Flight deck sports, quizzes, bingo nights and a sponsored exercise bicycle "ride" all helped to raise nearly £1,000 for the ship's charities.



Landing the stores for the South Georgia campers. More than 20 helicopter trips were made from ship to shore to land the equipment and stores needed for the survey.



Worse things happen ashore

Sailors mostly don't drown. They grow old, become disabled, die accidental deaths, fall on hard times. But if they should drown, they may leave widows to be cared for and children to be educated.

Either way, King George's Fund for Sailors provides the safety net. It's the only fund in Britain for all who earn their living at sea – Royal Navy, Marines, merchant fleet and fishermen – and their families. More than 120 organisations now look to us each year for help and support – for orphan care, old people's homes and everything in between.

Britain's seafarers depend on us – and we depend on your generosity. Please don't let us down. Your donation and your legacy are vital!



**KING
GEORGE'S
FUND FOR SAILORS**

The Safety Net for all Seafarers

Property, Removals and Miscellaneous

HALIFAX
PROPERTY SERVICES

Phone or call for our **FREE** monthly property guide

SELL, LET and MANAGE PROPERTIES
In this Area!

● Naval Bases
● Offices

Area Branch Offices

Waterlooville (0705)	254321
Lee-on-Solent (0705)	550794
North End, Portsmouth (0705)	693331
Fareham (0329)	286441
Gosport (0705)	586811
Havant (0705)	471771
Park Gate (04895)	82955
Southsea (0705)	824521
Hayling Island (0705)	466444
Portchester (0705)	384223

LEAVING YOUR HOME IN THE PORTSMOUTH AREA?

TLC
Property Management

Offer free consultation on all aspects of property letting

263 Fawcett Road, Southsea Hants. (0705) 861550

We are ex-navy — we understand your problems

LEAVING PLYMOUTH?

Let good tenants pay your mortgage while you are away

Free Consultation Service

PALMER AND CO
Property Management Agency

Sherwell House, 30 North Hill, Plymouth
PL4 8ES Telephone (0752) 262670

BUILD MUSCLES FAST!

New! Fastest and best way to build muscles and strength without weights! Scientifically proven. Just 20 minutes daily in the privacy of your home will develop an amazing physique. NOTICEABLE RESULTS IN 28 DAYS GUARANTEED — it really works! Send for exciting **FREE** information pack.

MUSCLE DYNAMICS (N)
PO Box 40, Gateshead, NE8 1PD.
(A stamp for reply appreciated)

DO YOU LET YOUR HOUSE?

We prepare your Tax Return and deal directly with the Inland Revenue. We also advise on the new system of Independent Taxation.

For details, telephone (0293 547750) or write:

TAXATION SPECIALISTS
112 GALES DRIVE, CRAWLEY, SUSSEX, RH10 1QE
(The specialists in the taxation of M.O.D. personnel)

SUPERB models of WW2 Hunt Class destroyers, scale 16ft-1inch, immediately available. Most other types of WW2 destroyers built to order. Navy News Box No. 628.

ALONE AT SEA? A reminder of your loved one, or your ship on canvas. Photographs transformed into beautiful oils. S.A.E. FREE details, Oaklands, Dept P2, 524, Wilmslow Road, M20 9BT.

VIDEOS 6,000 TITLES at £9.99 or less. Get the new 92-page catalogue (only £3 post free) and join many other BFPO customers of **FAST FORWARD**, 14 Lower Emms, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 7SB.

NAVAL ARTIST, any ship, any scene, any setting to your desire, in oils, water colour or acrylic. Enquiries for details Ian Fraser, ex-RN, 37a Chilwell Road, Beeston, Notts NG9 1EH.

WRNS/WRNR. Bargain for urgent sale. Officers uniform jacket, worn; 1 skirt, worn, 2nd skirt, nearly new. £170 for lot on. Suit size 12/14, height 5ft 3in. Tel. 0797 222137 weekends or weekdays after 8.30 p.m.

H.M.S. ARK ROYAL, 815 Sqn., 1957-59. Crookes, Dyer, Kerley, Keeper, Tyler, Strange, Purchase, Tufty, Frank, Sammy, Hoppy, Lou, Crooks, Dyer. Contact P.O. Box 9, Winchester with view to reunion.

H.M.S. HERMES, 1959-61. 4H2, would former rifle team contact P.O. Box 9, Winchester. John, Jan, Olly, Scouse, Dennis, Keeper, Nit, Les and George. Please write to arrange reunion.

GARRETT: I would like to hear from some of the lads who served with Ian Garrett on HMS Lincoln 1970-72 as soon as possible. Navy News Box No. 1014.

RN OFFICERS SWORDS (see main advert "The Renown" on page 15). Send for coloured brochure to save time and expense. Morley Wescomb (Naval swords and regalia), 28 Church Street, Mevagissey, Cornwall, PL26 6SP. Tel. 0726 842634.

REGIMENTAL Ties, Blazer Badges, Cuff-links, Buttons, Medals, Cap Badges, Military Prints, Militaria, s.a.e. for free list. Cairncross (Dept. NN), 31, Bellevue Street, Filey, North Yorkshire.

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL LADY, 28, 5' 8", medium build, dark brown hair and eyes, wishes to correspond/meet with Naval personnel or Marine personnel, late twenties to mid-thirties. Photograph appreciated. Navy News Box No. 1015.

BE MY VALENTINE! Lonely divorced lady, 34, with sense of humour, wishes to meet Marine/Naval Officer looking for lasting relationship. Age 37+. Photo appreciated. Navy News Box No. 1013.

LONELY lady 38, 5' 8" tall, divorced, would like to meet or write to a naval grade of similar position. Hobbies include music and dancing. Genuine replies please. Navy News Box No. 1012.

ARE YOU AN OFFICER and a gentleman aged approx 40-45 who would like to correspond/meet single lady working in aviation? Own house, car, enjoys travel, music and socialising. Navy News Box No. 1011.

40+ INTRODUCTION BUREAU specialising exclusively for the over 40 age group. A personal service given with confidentiality and care. Brochure from: Mrs. Ashley, P.O. Box 12, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE5 5QT.

SOUTHERN SELF-DRIVE LIMITED

FIESTAS — NOVAS — ASTRAS — SIERRAS — CAVALIERS
VANS, TRUCKS & MINI-BUSES FROM
Prices do not include collision waiver or VAT

DAILY	3 DAYS	WEEKLY
(200 free miles)	(600 free miles)	(unlimited mileage)
£13	£28	£65

PORTSMOUTH 466 London Road 663547
PORTSMOUTH Burrfields Road 662103
GOSPORT Mumby Road 510920
HAVANT 146 West Street 492266
PORTCHESTER Castle Trading Estate 210102

Radios in all cars. A.A. cover included.

MADDOCKS & DICK LTD.
EUROPE'S LEADING SPECIALISTS OF
Company, Sport, Social Clubs, School and Old Boys

HAVE YOU GOT A CLUB TIE?

- ★ Jacquard woven tie in finest terylene
- ★ Woven striped tie, regimental or club colours, any colour combination
- ★ Silkscreen printed ties of a superb quality and definition with or without stripes with full colour motif
- ★ If you haven't a design our Art Department will oblige free of charge and submit sample ties, etc., without any obligation
- ★ Pure Scottish wool embroidered pullovers
- ★ Gold and Silver wire or silk badges. Also ladies' squares and scarves

231 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH8 8BJ
Telephone 031-556 6012 (4 lines)
Established 1949

REGIMENTAL SUPPLIES (N)
9 PARK STREET,
LONDON SE1 9AB
Tel: 01-403 3983

Medals — full size and miniature, mounted for wear.
Blazer badges, buttons, ties and heraldic wall plaques.

GENTLEMEN'S HAIRDRESSING
at
GIEVES AND HAWKES

22 The Hard, Portsmouth
OPEN: Mon-Fri. 0900-1730
Sat. 0900-1300
for appointment 821351 ext. 206

FREE BASQUE, SUSPENDERS & STOCKINGS

WITH EVERY COPY OF OUR STUNNING FULL COLOUR LINGERIE CATALOGUE — OVER 200 BREATHTAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOP MODELS IN EROTIC LINGERIE

SEND ONLY £2.95 (P&P) REFUNDABLE

TO: LADY OF PARIS
YAGO LTD 23
ROMAN WAY,
COLESHILL,
BIRMINGHAM B46 1RL

RETURN AD OR QUOTE DEPT NR 23 FOR

FREE BASQUE
CALLERS & TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME

SHOW YOU CARE

SEND HOME A BEAR

For that SPECIAL occasion or just to say I LOVE YOU, send a 20 cm bear with your OWN PERSONAL message attached.

If you really care, send a BIG BEAR, 80 cm tall, who is certain to cause a big sensation when he arrives.

only £17.95 incl P & P

SEND FREE BOOKLET

SEND CHECK, MESSAGE AND ADDRESS FOR BEAR TO:
KLM GIFTS, 39 ROOKE ST, NEWPORT, IOW PO30 5PR

ISLE OF WIGHT FOR SALE

3 bedroom bungalow, bathroom and separate toilet, kitchen, large lounge, garage with hardstanding and garden, popular village, near shops and bus routes.

Navy News Box No. 1016

GUEST HOUSE SOUTHSEA FOR SALE PRIVATELY

Superbly positioned, 7 letting rooms, 2 owners, excellent condition, full c/heating, new roof, satellite & C.T.V.'s all rooms, double glazing & en suite rooms, good all year trade, accounts available. Mortgage available.

£175,000
Telephone 0705 731001

FOR SALE
Torpoint, Nr. Plymouth

Modern 2 d/bedroom terraced house, convenient for Dockyard and Raleigh. Lounge-diner, kitchen, bathroom with shower, full uPVC d/glazing, garage.

£55,250 to include extras
0752 813383

GET PROMOTION!

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts
Hooded Tops, Ties
Embroidered
Sweaters and
Sew-on Badges
Pennants, Singlets
Hats, Scarves
Sports Bags and Holdalls

For brochure and price list contact:

A S PROMOTIONS
Room 35, 94 Blackhorse Lane
London E17 6AA
Telephone 01-523 3283

SOUVENIR COVERS

Regular RAF stock list and auction catalogues available free, covering the RAF, Royal Navy, Army, Concorde, First Flight, Railway, Football, First Day covers, censor marks and postcards, etc. The catalogue lists over 4,500 plus souvenir covers

WINGFIELDS
P.O. Box 1, Thetford, Norfolk
Telephone (0284) 810940
P.T.S. Member

MINIATURE MEDALS
Return of Post Service
Example of Prices:-

DSC/MC/DSM: £9; OBE/MBE/BEM: £7;
MSM: £6 LS & GC: £4.50; Coronation/
Jubilee Medal: £5; UN Cyprus: £5;
S/Atlantic + rosette: £4.25; GSM/CSM
with clasp: £4.50; Second War Stars:
£1.75 each; Defence/War Medals: £3.00
each. Miniature Mounting Bars for D.I.Y.
Mounting: 1 Medal 60p; 2-70p; 3-75p;
4-85p; 5-95p; 6-£1.05; 7-£1.15.
Plus 15% VAT and 50p postage

★ 7-day medal mounting service for full-size and miniatures in both 'ordinary' and 'court' style.

★ Full-size medals supplied

★ Wire Blazer Badges ★ Mess Kit Badges

★ Display cases, metal ribbon, mounting bars, ribbon bars, etc.

Send for comprehensive Catalogue to the Medal Specialists (20p stamp appreciated).

MINIATURE MEDALS (NN)
30, COVENTRY ROAD,
BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE,
LE10 2HP. Telephone: (0455) 39262

ROYAL NAVY COVER COLLECTORS GROUP

New series of Covers depicting types of Vessels under the RMAS Flag. All signed

Send for lists to
Ray Marriott
Coggins, Station Road,
Broadclyst, Exeter
0392 462276

LOST Your Medals? We can replace them

NOW

Full Size & Miniatures.
Mounting Service & Ribbons.
S.A.E. for Replacement List
Toad Hall, Newton Ferrers,
Plymouth, Devon, England,
PL8 1DH

TEL 0752 872672

ZIPPO LIGHTERS
ENGRAVED IN COLOUR WITH YOUR SHIP'S CREST
THE ORIGINAL PETROL WINDPROOF LIGHTERS

GUARANTEED FOR LIFE OR REPAIRED FREE OF CHARGE

MINIMUM ENGRAVED ORDER **50**

Also available, lighters with White Ensign, RNA Crest, Coastguard Crest — no minimum order requirement

For full details complete the coupon below and send to:

W. A. INGRAM ASSOCIATES LTD
36 HERTFORD STREET, LONDON W1

Please send me full details about how to obtain Zippo lighters engraved with my ship's crest

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

WALL SHIELDS OF ROYAL NAVY SHIPS

Hand painted on wooden base 6" x 7"

£15.90 + 70p UK postage

REDUCED PRICES given for orders of 6 or more
SPECIAL PRICES given for 10, 25, 50 and 100
CRESTED TIES TO YOUR OWN SPECIAL DESIGN
(minimum 36)

Specialist experience over 85 years

C. H. MUNDAY LTD.
Oxford House, 8 St John's Road
St John's, Woking, Surrey
Telephone 0483 771588 Fax 0483 756627

FLEET BADGES
Framed heatsealed colour badges 5" x 5 1/2"

RN SHIPS & SQUADRONS W.R.N.S.
RNA BRANCHES RNXS UNITS ASSOCIATION BADGES

Cheques payable to FLEET BADGES

Price £6.90
inclusive of VAT and postage (UK)

4 Church View, Osborne
Nr. Sherborne
Dorset — (0935) 812149

T-SHIRTS SWEATSHIRTS
Interprint

The New Designer Range —
Drop Shoulder Baggy Fit Sweatshirts
Pique Polo Shirts — Baggy T-Shirts
Other Products — Aprons
Jog Suits — T Towels — Aprons
Metal & Sew on Badges
Ties-Hats

TEL 0588 673444 FAX 0588 676188
INTERPRINT Dept NN CRAVEN ARMS, SHROPSHIRE SY7 9NY.

Send for free colour brochure
FREE CARRIAGE
FREE DESIGN
MIN-ORDER ONLY 12

QUALITY WALLPLAQUES INDIVIDUALLY HAND-PAINTED TO ORDER

e.g. SHIPS CRESTS: 6" x 7" £12.00
FAMILY ARMS: 10" x 8" £20.00

SPEEDY DELIVERY — HIGHEST QUALITY

Details: **HERITAGE HERALDRY**
(Specialist Manufacturer)
Heritage House, 40 Lamorna Avenue
Hull, HU8 8HR Tel: 0482 701829

HEATHROW AIRPORT

Coaches on Sundays
Leave Gosport 1725
Leave Heathrow 2145
Seats (0436) 72151

GOSPORT FERRY

NOTICE TO READERS

The publishers of Navy News cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of any advertisements or for any losses suffered by any readers as a result. Readers are strongly recommended to make their own enquiries and seek appropriate commercial, legal and financial advice before sending any money or entering into any legally binding agreement.

Education



BOUNDARY OAK SCHOOL

Roche Court, Fareham PO17 5BL

Boundary Oak School is a boys' independent preparatory school for weekly and full boarders (7-13) and a now expanded day department from 3-13.

Boundary Oak has a proud association with the Forces stretching back many years. The boys have access to many facilities within our 22 acres, including swimming pool, rifle range, pottery, tennis courts, carpentry shop and recently renovated science laboratories and C.D.T. room. In our essentially friendly family community boys are prepared for scholarship and common entrance examinations to all independent schools.

For further details of the school, a free prospectus please write to the Headmaster at the above address or telephone FAREHAM (0329) 280955

Wilton House School

Battle, Hastings, East Sussex TN33 9BS. 0424 83234

Co-educational boarding and day school

Head office and senior school: Catsfield Place, Battle.

GCSE 'A' Levels 13-18 years

Junior school: Broomham, Guestling, Hastings. 5-13 years.

Small classes. Remedial and individual tuition arranged when required. Computer workshop, swimming pools, tennis courts, games fields and horse riding. Escort services to and from airports. Special terms for Service children additional to Service grants.

Established since 1954.

Apply: The Principal at head office



MICKLEFIELD SCHOOL

Seaford, East Sussex BN25 4LP

Telephone 0323 892457

Independent Girls' School

Member of I.S.I.S. & G.S.A.

★ Full boarding

★ Good academic record.

★ Weekly boarding

GCSE & A level

★ Generous Service Bursaries

A coach operates between Portsmouth and the school

WELLINGTON SCHOOL

CARLETON TURRETS,
AYR KA7 2XH

Founded 1849

The leading independent girls' boarding and day school in the West of Scotland. Excellent academic reputation, a caring environment, many extra curricular activities.

Further details and prospectus can be obtained from

The Headmistress (0292) 269321



BEMBRIDGE SCHOOL

Bembridge, Isle of Wight PO35 5PH
Co-Educational Boarding and Day School

300 pupils, 7 - 18

Unrivalled setting with one 100 acres of cliff top playing fields and woodland on the eastern tip of the Isle of Wight. Good academic standards with an emphasis on traditional methods. Excellent computer, library, laboratory, music, art and craft facilities. Specialist teaching available for children with specific learning difficulties. Squash, tennis courts, netball, sailing, golf course. Private beach. 15 minutes by ferry from Portsmouth. Pupils and parents met by our own transport.

Further details and prospectus from J. High, M.A. (Oxon), Headmaster
Telephone Isle of Wight (0983) 872101.

THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON SCHOOL

Penn Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV3 0EG

Day, weekly and full boarding for boys and girls aged 2½ to 18. Boarding from 7 years. Excellence in academic work. Strong CCF: students prepared for careers in the Services. Fee reduction for HM Services personnel. Scholarships for Academic Merit, Music and Sport.

Prospectus from The Headmaster, telephone (0902) 341230



ST PETROC'S SCHOOL

Ocean View Road, Bude, Cornwall EX23 8NJ

Tel: 0288 352876

Headmaster: P. W. Blundell, B.A., Cert. Ed., I.A.P.S. Member

Full Boarding for £135 per term*

St Petroc's School is situated on the rugged and beautiful North Cornish coast. The environment is perfect for pupils to have every opportunity to study and play in safety and in delightful surroundings.

The school takes boys and girls from the age of seven up to the age of fourteen. They can board at the school, or be enrolled as day pupils. The curriculum is very wide and there are plenty of activities for the pupils to join. Progress is regularly monitored and parents are kept well informed.

The policy of the school is to ensure that each pupil performs to his/her capacity. To help this end, the class sizes are kept to a maximum of sixteen.

So, if you would like your child to have the opportunity to study Art, French, Science, Computing, Music, etc. from the age of eight as part of the normal curriculum, also the opportunity to try Shooting, Cubs, Brownies, Ballet, Tap Dancing and many other extra curricular activities, do contact the school.

The Headmaster and his wife take a keen personal interest in the welfare of all the pupils, especially the boarders.

The ONLY autonomous I.A.P.S. School in Cornwall

*St Petroc's accepts the full Services Boarding School Allowance as payment of fees (B.S.A. £1,210 and parents' contribution £135)

The Headmaster will be happy to send you a prospectus or arrange a visit.

EMBLEY PARK SCHOOL

Romsey, Hampshire SO51 6ZE — Telephone (0794) 512206

INDEPENDENT BOYS' SCHOOL

FOR BOARDERS AND DAY BOYS Aged 11-18

Good general education in small friendly school.

Good facilities for sport and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Some Service Bursaries available.

For prospectus apply to the Headmaster

NEWLANDS SCHOOL (S)

SEAFORD, EAST SUSSEX

The Preparatory (7-13+)

The Manor (13-18)

★ Fully Co-educational.

★ Both Schools on one campus.

★ Large Services connection with appropriate fees discount.

★ Traditional discipline and homely atmosphere.

★ High academic standard to Common Entrance, GCSE, 'A' Levels and University Entrance.

★ The Schools are up-to-date with the demands of the National Curriculum.

★ Computer Studies, CDT and Home Economics.

★ Support Learning Unit for Remedial Teaching, Dyslexia and EFL.

★ Strength in instrumental music and choirs.

★ Coaching in all major sports.

★ Large indoor heated swimming pool. 22 indoor Rifle Range.

★ TRAVEL. Escorts to Gatwick, Heathrow and Luton Airports, London (Victoria). Coach to Southsea (via south coast road) and Aldershot.

Further information from:

PREPARATORY Roger C. Clark, BA, MA(Ed), Headmaster.

THE MANOR Brian F. Underwood, MA, Dip.Ed.(Oxon)

Telephones

PREPARATORY (0323) 892334 THE MANOR (0323) 890309



WARMINSTER SCHOOL

KEEPS THE FAMILY TOGETHER

CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY AND
BOARDING

Junior School 5-12 years 150 pupils

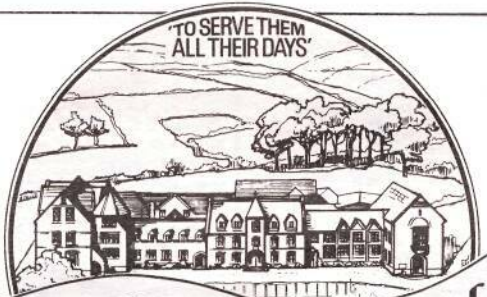
Senior School 12-18 years 325 pupils

SIXTH FORM ENTRY. SOME BURSARIES
AVAILABLE

Caring atmosphere. High quality staff and facilities
Prospectus and further details from:

The Master
WARMINSTER SCHOOL
Warminster Wiltshire BA12 8PJ

Telephone
Warminster
(0985) 213038



Where Preparatory & Senior Education go hand in hand

On the edge of Exmoor, West Buckland School is in an environment that will encourage your child to develop his/her true potential. Small classes, individual encouragement and our unique atmosphere help boys and girls achieve academic and sporting success.

Children are welcome from the age of 7. Please contact me if you would like to visit the school or receive a prospectus.

Special terms are offered to members of H.M. Forces.

Michael Downward

Michael Downward, Headmaster, West Buckland School, Barnstaple,
Devon. EX32 0SX. Tel: Filleigh (05986) 281



ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

(Independent Boarding and Day School) for Boys and Girls

The Hall, Gt. Finborough,
Stowmarket, Suffolk

- ★ Continuous education 7 to 18 years
- ★ Entry possible at any age
- ★ All staff fully qualified, mainly graduates
- ★ GCSE/A level courses
- ★ Small classes
- ★ Traditional values and disciplinary standards
- ★ Good family atmosphere
- ★ Sensible uniform — reasonably priced
- ★ Extensive grounds and playing fields
- ★ Combined Cadet Force
- ★ Fully inclusive fees — 90% covered by BSA

Apply for prospectus:

The Admissions Officer, The Hall, Gt. Finborough, Stowmarket,
Suffolk, Stowmarket (0449) 674479

Upper Chine School

Headmaster: S. H. Monard, B.A.

SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT

Independent G.S.A. Boarding and Day School for Girls from 3-18 years

Majority of girls from naval families. Pupil/staff ratio 8:1

Entrance and sixth form scholarships, bursaries, drama and music awards available

For a free prospectus write or telephone (0983) 862208/864822

Wykeham House School

East Street, Fareham

G.S.A. INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(Aged 4-16 years)

Entry: to Infants by interview. To Junior School by assessment and examination. To Senior School by Common Entrance.

For vacancies contact:

The Bursar (0329) 280178

THE ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL

HASLEMERE, SURREY

Headmistress: Dr. J. L. Clough, B.A. Hons. (London), Ph.D. (Hull)

Boarders 150 : Day Girls 150



Founded in 1840, and under Royal Patronage, this Girls' Independent School is in an area of outstanding natural beauty, yet within easy reach of London and its Airports. While the School is open to children of civilian families, its primary object still remains the care of girls with naval and marine connections.

An excellent all-round education is offered and pupils are prepared for a wide range of GCSE and 'A' Level examinations, as well as for University Entrance. Specialised facilities include five Laboratories, Computer, Craft and Design Technology Rooms. Dancing, speech and drama, riding, judo, driving and additional specialised music are optional subjects.

Members of the flourishing Sixth Form are treated as Students and encouraged to develop a mature, self-disciplined approach to learning. To mark the School's 150th Anniversary a new Sixth Form House and Centre for Advanced Studies has been built with single/double bedrooms, each linked to a Computer Centre. The building also contains a Lecture Theatre and staff accommodation. A modern Sports Hall allows netball, tennis and other team games to be played in all weathers.

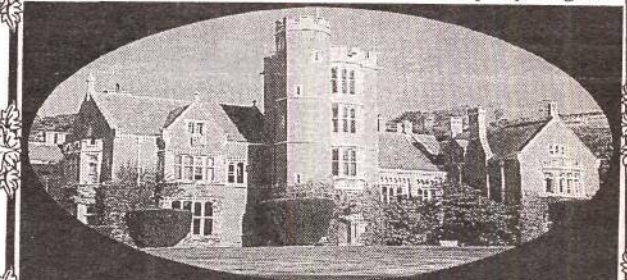
Extramural activities are encouraged and the School takes part in the Duke of Edinburgh, CREST and St John's Ambulance Award Schemes.

Please telephone the Admissions Secretary
Hindhead (042 873) 5415 for a prospectus

ST. AUDRIES SCHOOL

Girls 8 to 18

Pre Prep boys & girls



What makes St. Audries School Special?

We concentrate on the individual and her natural but carefully guided development.

- ★ Tutorial, House and small class system thus your child is known by all the staff and appreciated for her unique qualities.
- ★ Consistently high standard of educational achievement academically and in music, art and drama.
- ★ Facilities include 6 tennis courts, netball, all weather hockey pitch, swimming pool, gym/theatre, pottery, computers, Chapel, 5th and 6th form study bedrooms. 83 acres of beautiful grounds. Thus your child receives a well balanced education.
- ★ Girls boarding, weekly boarding and day 8 to 18.

For our prospectus and information on bursaries and scholarships please contact:- The Headmistress

ST. AUDRIES SCHOOL Tel: Williton (0984) 32426
West Quantoxhead, Nr. Taunton, Somerset TA4 4DU

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE WITH NAVY NEWS

Contact:

Lesley Williams,
Advertisement
Manager,
Navy News,
HMS NELSON,
Portsmouth, Hants
PO1 3HH

Telephone
PORTSMOUTH
(0705) 826040



Seasonal toast to the New Year

THE association's publicity stand at the Forces Help Society Park Lane Fair attracted many visitors, among them, the Queen, who visited the stand in the afternoon and was most complimentary.

The RNA's participation, master-minded by Shipmate Ron Tremlett, chairman of the publicity and recruiting committee, triggered off a lively season of dinners and dances organised by branches up and down the country.

Capt Keith Sutherland RN, president No 1 Area, and Mrs Sutherland were guests of honour at the fourth Mess dinner dance organised by Kingston-Upon-Thames. They were "piped aboard" by girl cadets from TS Steadfast, as was the branch president, Rear Admiral J.W.D. Cook and Mrs Cook.

Shipmate of the Year award was presented during the evening to Shipmate Charlie Mayhew, the social secretary. Shipmate Mick Paske received his standard bearers certificate and the Rev Neville Biden was welcomed as new branch chaplain. The occasion was enjoyed by 118 shipmates and guests.

The General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner and his wife, Trish, with branch president, Rear Admiral John Bell and Mrs Bell, were guests of honour at Gravesend annual dinner dance enjoyed by 140 shipmates and friends. A raffle raised £250 for

Old salts welcome Admiral

THE First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, on a visit to Portland to officially open the new Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess, named after HMS Foylebank, is seen with a happy group of members of the Association.



Presentation time onboard the USS Missouri as Shipmate Ron Smith (left), of Oldham branch, accompanied by Shipmate Geoffrey Schofield (right), of Long Beach branch, exchange mementoes (see story) with the Chief Executive Officer of the Missouri, the battleship in which the Japanese surrendered to General McArthur at the end of the Second World War.

RNA charities. A thank you to all who contributed prizes.

The annual Christmas party for senior citizens organised by Dartford branch, attracted many of the usual "regulars" who turn up yearly for the 'big eats', the drink and the presents, followed by an old time sing-a-long.

There was a big turn out for Stockton-on-Tees annual dinner which was a great success. The General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner, on a visit to the branch was presented with a decanter and a cheque for £200 for the RM Band Relief Fund.

A dinner dance organised by Falmouth branch and attended by 125 shipmates and friends proved a great social occasion. The guest of honour was Capt T. Taylor, commanding officer RN air station Culdrose and Mrs Taylor. Also present was the branch president, Vice Admiral Sir James Junguis and Lady Junguis and Cdr Mansfield, from Culdrose, and Mrs Mansfield.

Admiral Gwynn Pritchard, president of Weymouth branch was guest of honour at Bridport annual dinner dance attended by 120 shipmates and guests. During the evening a cheque for £270, raised by members,

was presented to Nurse Heather Payne of the MacMillan Services, to provide a second bath-hoist. The presentation was made on behalf of the branch by Shipmates Trevor Golds, branch vice-chairman, and Shipmate J. Barraclough.

Congratulations to Shipmate Paul Harris of Cleethorpes on becoming the youngest-ever delegate to represent the branch at the age of 27 years.

Standards of 15 ex-service associations were paraded at an impressive service in St Andrew's Church, Farnham to commemorate Trafalgar. The event, hosted by Farnham branch, was attended by the General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner, Dr. Jill Cluff, Headmistress of the Royal Naval School, members of the ships' companies of the RN Cookery School, Aldershot and of HMS Dolphin and the mayors and mayoresses of Waverley and Gaynesham. The service was conducted by the Rural Dean of Farnham and Vicar of Hale, the Rev Michael Chapman, assisted by the Venerable Ray Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fleet, and the Rev Michael Wishart, chaplain HMS Nelson.

BRANCH NEWS

The staff of Valindra Hospital, Cardiff, thank the friends of the late Mrs Joan Davies, wife of Shipmate Tom, chairman of the national council, for donating money instead of flowers on her death. Donations sent to the Central Charities Fund provided two brand new nebulizers for the hospital to assist patients suffering from respiratory complaints.

Members of Llanelli branch with members of the RM association organised a concert in aid of the RM Band Relief Fund. The music, provided free by a local band and dance orchestra, plus donations from branches and the proceeds of a raffle raised £780 for the fund.

That the ties between the past and present navies are strong was again proved recently by members of Atherton branch. On the invitation of HMS Sceptre, 20 shipmates enjoyed a tour of the submarine and were royally entertained by the Senior and Junior rates messes. A thank you from the branch for a memorable experience.

Members of Oldham had the holiday of a lifetime in California, including a tour of the USS Missouri, arranged on their behalf by Shipmate Geoffrey Schofield, chairman of Long Beach branch. Aboard the Missouri, Shipmate Ron Smith, on behalf of the branch, presented an Oldham plaque to the ship's Chief Executive Officer. In return he was presented with a Battle Ensign of the ship and a certificate of its authentication. The visitors, who were royally entertained by members of Long Beach branch, also enjoyed a five day trip to Las Vegas where they attended a reunion of the Stinger Club and enjoyed a banquet and dance in the Union Plaza Hotel. The welcome and hospitality extended during their visit was overwhelming.

Shipmate M.D. Evans, secretary of Oswestry branch, would like the views of branches with less than 20/25 members on pooled fares — in other words, the payment made by a branch towards the cost of travel by delegates to the annual conference and the system by which the cost is divided equally by branches. "Is it fair", he asks, "that a branch with less than 20/25 members should pay the same as a branch with 300 members plus in the same area?"

Having raised £288 for the RM Band Relief Fund, members of West Ham club have set a memorial tablet on the external wall of the club in honour of the bandmen who died. It bears the stark, yet simple reminder: "Murdered at RM Deal, 22 Sept. 1989."

To the delight of shipmates of Bristol, their eight-hour sponsored skittles match, which ended in a draw, raised £540 for the Children in Need appeal. The match was between Bristol Rovers FC and supporters and members of the RNA. A thank you from the branch to all who donated prizes for the raffle and all praise to Shipmate Eddie Whelan the organiser of the event and to Shipmate John Burden, organiser of the raffle.

There was a good turn out for Yeovil Trafalgar dinner and for the Remembrance service and parade. Standard bearer, Shipmate Joe Rowland with a party of 14 shipmates attended the

annual reunion at the Royal Albert Hall and paid a visit to the Star and Garter Home to deliver a cheque from the branch.

Members of Nuneaton branch attended a RM Band concert at Bedworth Civic Hall and later witnessed the presentation of a plaque to the conductor of the band, Capt Whealing. The plaque was from the New South Wales branch of the RM Association, and was delivered on behalf of the branch by Mr. Ray Albrighton, on holiday in Nuneaton from Australia.

Shipmates of Lincoln shared in two celebrations when they hosted a reunion of HMS Manchester Survivors Association — the wedding of one of its members, Shipmate R.J. Kelly to a member of Lincoln club, followed by a reunion celebration. The bride and groom were "piped aboard" for an afternoon reception in the club, where many a toast was drunk, the day ending with a gala social.

On the following day the standard of the HMS Manchester Survivors association was re-dedicated in St Faith's Church.

Southend-on-Sea branch held its annual Pearl Harbour Remembrance Day parade and service on December 10th, the only RNA branch to commemorate this historic event. Throughout the ceremonies the Stars and Stripes with the state flag of Hawaii and the White Ensign flew from the mast outside branch headquarters where a service, conducted by branch chaplain, the Rev Roger Mason, was held. The salute at the march past was taken by Capt R.D. Aldinger USN and colour parties representing the US Navy and the US Marine Corps took part in the parade, which also included standards of the association and the Royal Air Force Association with marching units representing the RNR, the RN Auxiliary Service, the Sea Cadet Corps and the RNLI.

Wartime memories on the menu

TWO of yesterday's heroes were invited to a pre-Christmas lunch organised and financed by members of Swindon branch for veterans and their wives.

Presiding at the top table was Rear Admiral Anthony Davies, the branch president and survivor of HMS Cossack. With him were honoured guests ex-CPO Charlie Rogers, survivor of HMS Repulse and HMS Li Wo, and ex-LSEA Tom Parsons from Cardiff, survivor of HMS Prince of Wales and also of the Li Wo.

Shipmates Rogers and Parsons, who were among 10 crew to survive the sinking of the Li Wo in the Java Sea, Feb 14, 1942, had much to recall on this festive occasion.

Before she was sunk, the Li Wo, armed only with a four inch gun and little ammunition, engaged the might of a Japanese invasion convoy. Shipmate Rogers was at the time Chief Bosun's mate and "Captain of the Gun" and Shipmate Parsons was the ship's Gunlayer and when details of the action became known, the ship's Commanding Officer, temporary Lieut Thomas Wilkinson RNR, who went down with the ship, was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross.

If memories of wartime service were relived at the pre-Christmas lunch, the occasion was a happy and festive one enjoyed by veterans, their wives and the survivors. The guests were waited on by a team of helpers and the catering was masterminded by Shipmate Steve Brooks.

Members of the Abergwaun branch, with members of Fishguard and Goodwick branches of the Royal British Legion, travelled aboard the St Brendan ferry from Fishguard to Rosslare for the annual ceremony of tribute to those lost at sea when the St. Patrick ferry was bombed and sunk off Strumble Head in 1941. The ship hove to at the site of the sinking of the St. Patrick and wreaths were cast on the water after a simple service on the stern deck. A wreath was cast on behalf of Abergwaun branch by Shipmate Rob Salmon.

THE ROYAL NAVY OF WW2 ON VIDEO

Home Fleet to BPF. Atlantic, Russian & Med convoy battles, plus very much more will be seen during this ongoing series devoted STRICTLY to the RN. With previously unreleased film, complete with nostalgic naval sounds, they are the ONLY available programmes of their kind and NOT copies of any TV series. Details of first four episodes SAE

N.V.T.C., BECK HOUSE, ESCRICK, N. YORKS YO4 6JH (0904) 87239

PLYMOUTH HOE MAYFLOWER

GUEST HOUSE
All double rooms — showers, free colour TV, tea/coffee facilities, central heating, own keys, snacks.
Telephone Jackie or John (0752) 667496

ENJOY A BREAK FROM WORK AT LA MANGA CLUB — SPAIN

Luxury Villa, panoramic sea views, excellent sport facilities, sleeps 6
For further information Tel. 01 730 1753 or (0329) 661294

Served in a flush-decker? Read all about your ship in THE TOWNS by Arnold Hague

This book tells the story of the flush-decked U.S. destroyers handed over to the R.N. at Halifax in 1940, which were given names of towns common to both the U.S.A. and the U.K. It gives details of the many modifications to suit them for service with the R.N. and R.C.N. and describes the war history of each vessel. The Towns' 92 pages includes 108 photographs, showing all but one of the ships.

Available at £10 including postage from: WORLD SHIP SOCIETY 40 Harefield, Hinchley Wood, Surrey KT10 9TQ, U.K.

MEDALS MOUNTED
Cleaned, Repaired or Cased
Miniatures Supplied and Mounted
Superlative Quality at Low Cost
COTSWOLD MEDALS
(V. L. Phillips) 26 Naunton Way, Cheltenham, Glos. GL53 7BQ (0242) 574388

RNA, RNPSA, RMA WALL PLAQUES
Finest available. Embossed badge on hardwood shield, 7 1/2" x 5 1/2". State Branch £13 including UK postage
CAPRICORN ARTS
34 RIXSON STREET, OLDHAM OL4 2NX



GUIDING LIGHT

Imagine you were just finishing work for the day. You might fancy a round of golf followed by a dip in the pool. Afterwards you could take in a nearby town where the suq (traditional market) provides a colourful and intriguing contrast with the sophisticated shopping centre. (Amongst a host of luxury items, you're bound to pick up a bargain or two.)

Perhaps a game of tennis or even a camel race? Now think about money. As well as sampling a unique lifestyle with temperatures averaging around the mid 80's, you could also be reaping the benefits of high earnings, free of tax, for two years or more. You could be looking forward to three vacations a year.

And you could be playing an essential role in Britain's largest export agreement ever; Project Al-Yamamah, a multi-billion pound commitment to supply military aircraft and the support needed to help sustain a modern, self-reliant Royal Saudi Air Force well into the next century.

Already well under way, it heralds over a decade and more of unprecedented change and challenge for skilled men leaving the Service, combining practical skills with the ability to support Saudi personnel in the operation and maintenance of their supply organisation.

SUPPLY OFFICERS

from £55,000 in first 2 years..... free of tax

Former Commissioned Officers with at least 10 years' experience in the Supply Branch. Staff Officer experience would be an asset.

SUPPLIERS

from £33,900 in first 2 years..... free of tax

You will have at least 4 years' supply experience in the armed forces and hold a current, full, clean UK driving licence.

In addition to high salaries, free of tax, an impressive range of benefits includes free medical care, free messing, free air travel to and from the UK, plus substantial discounts on a wide range of Rover cars for you and your immediate family.

If you are thinking of leaving the Service, perhaps it's time you saw the light?

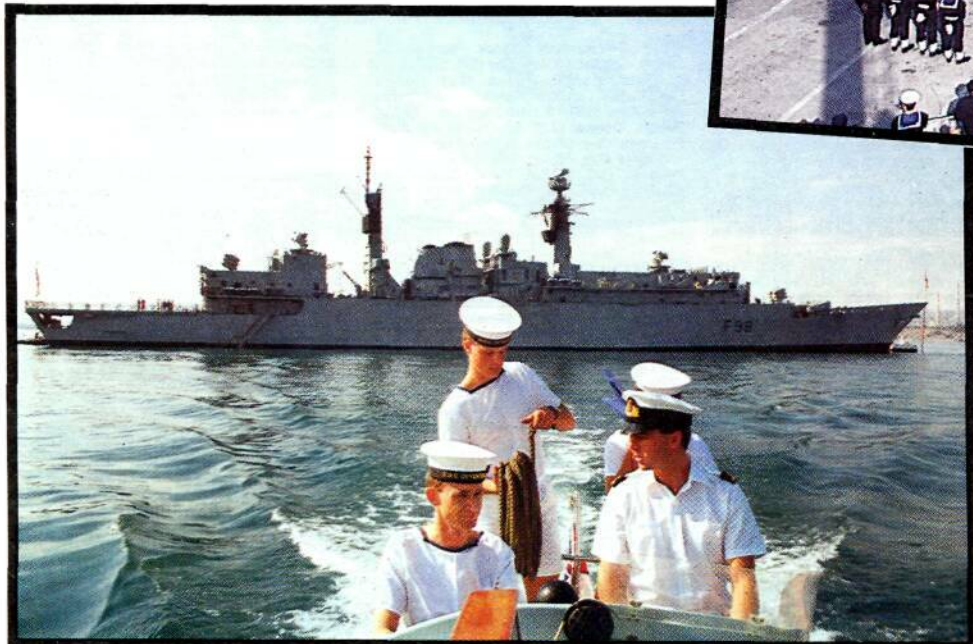
For further information, write enclosing relevant details and quoting ref no NN002 to: The Personnel Officer, Saudi Arabia Support Department, FREEPOST, British Aerospace, Military Aircraft Limited, Warton, Preston, Lancs PR4 1LA. Or telephone Preston 634317.

**BRITISH AEROSPACE IN SAUDI ARABIA
EVERYTHING YOU MAKE IT**



IN SAUDI ARABIA

Coventry on call is a record turn-out



● Top right — NATO ship's companies form a parade on the jetty at Ancona, Italy for the 39th activation of the Naval On Call Force Mediterranean.

● Above — during HMS Coventry's visit to Augusta, Italy, her Cheverton launch was used for junior officers' training. In the picture Sub-Lieut. Hood is at the helm with the ship's helicopter controller, LS (R) Harris keeping a careful eye on things.

● Below — AB (Sonar) Whaley, from HMS Coventry (front centre) with sailors from all the ships taking part in NATO exercises in the Mediterranean — from Germany, the United States, Spain, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

Pictures by LA(Phot) Kev Jeffries



THE Type 42 destroyer HMS Coventry returns to Devonport next month after a six months' deployment which has taken her through the Mediterranean and the Gulf to the Far East.

After a five-day visit to Corfu, the Coventry took passage through the Aegean Sea to the Italian port of Ancona where the NATO pennant was hoisted for the 39th activation of the NATO On Call Force Mediterranean (NAVOCFORMED).

The force is activated twice each year, spending a month on exercises designed to prove and evaluate tactics and communications plans and to improve co-operation between NATO navies.

The 39th activation saw the largest force yet assembled. The Coventry was joined by units from West Germany, the United States, Spain, Turkey, Greece and Italy. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Olmeda provided excellent tanker support for the force.

Ships exercised in gunnery, air defence, anti-submarine operations, replenishment at sea and electronic warfare — and close manoeuvring provided good training for junior officers of the watch and operations room teams alike.

Activation

All participating nations supplied support and target forces, including submarines, oilers, fast patrol boats and hydrofoils and a large number of aircraft.

During the activation the force made port visits to demonstrate NATO co-operation in the Southern Region.

These included Ancona, where the activation ceremony took place, Augusta in Sicily, Alicante in Spain, Toulon in France and Genoa in Italy.

The force was under the control of the Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe, from his headquarters in Naples. At sea, the overall commander was the Italian Commodore D'Agostino. Released from NATO duties, the Coven-

try sailed through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Gulf of Oman where she assumed Armilla Patrol duties, protecting British shipping passing through the Gulf.

During a visit to Dubai the ship's company did their Christmas shopping for the folk back home. The tills rang up £68,000 in five days!

The ship spent Christmas Day at sea on passage to Karachi, in Pakistan, and New Year's Day found her returning for another spell of duty in the Gulf.

A 17-day spell in Singapore for maintenance and station leave enabled many members of the ship's company to meet wives and families and enjoy a short Far Eastern holiday.

Armilla Patrol

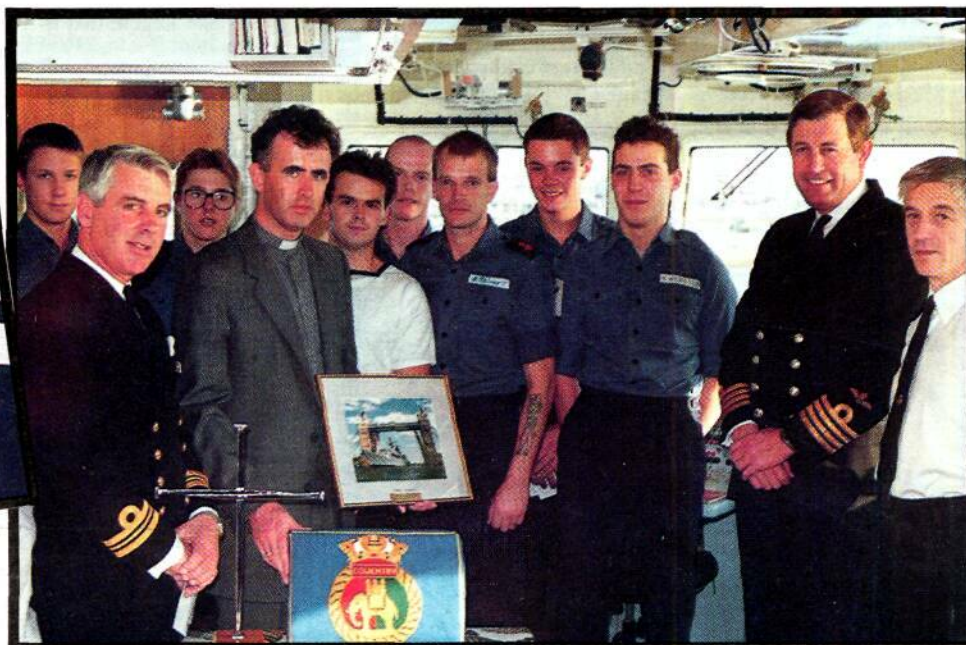
When the Coventry returns home next month with HMS Manchester and HMS Beaver the Armilla Patrol will be taken over by HMS Liverpool and HMS Charybdis.

After leave and maintenance in Devonport the Coventry will be operating in United Kingdom waters until the end of the year.

● While HMS Coventry was at Port Said her Commanding Officer, Capt. Ted Hackett presented an embroidered kneeler to the Rev. Robin Lee, from the Anglican community in Cairo, on behalf of Coventry Cathedral.

The ship had promised to present the kneeler when it received the Cross of Nails recovered from the destroyer HMS Coventry, lost in the South Atlantic during the Falklands war.

Mr. Lee conducted a simple service of dedication and thanksgiving on the ship's bridge. He is pictured (below) with members of the ship's company, including Capt. Hackett.





At Your Service



Calling Old Shipmates

HMS Whitehall (1944): Mr. R. S. Simmonds, 63 Hunts Mead, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9JA would be pleased to hear from old shipmates of 11 Mess (Comms) March-September 1944.

HMS Huntley (1941): Mr. Bill Humphries, ex-PO Tel, 58 Klondyke Avenue, Lydney, Glos GL15 5PN (tel. 0594-841789) wants to hear from survivors of the ship sunk, January 31, 1941.

HMS Montclair (1948): Ex-StoMech Ken Hawes, 23 Lindfield Lane, Newlands, Wellington 4, New Zealand, would like to hear from Lieut. Curran, AB Tommy Slater (Blackburn) and St Jimmy Robinson of Sunderland.

HMS Maryborough: Ex-Sig Alan Tonkin, 14 Whin Ave. Bohon-Le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancs LA5 8DA would like to hear from old shipmates, especially of the Communications Mess.

HMS Penn (1942): Mr. A. Bell, 14 Jerusalem Lane, New Inn, Portlough, Gwent NP4 0WR, who served in the Penn during the Malta Convoy, August, 1942, which towed the Ohio to Malta, would welcome news of old shipmates.

HMS Tulip (1943): Ex-Sig 'Bash' Marsh, 27 Lechlade Gardens, Fareham, Hants PO15 6HF (tel. Fareham 220454), would welcome news of old shipmates.

Supply Branch 1938: Mr. Ron Martin, Maytree Cottage, Appleton, Oxon, OX13 5JH, would be pleased to hear from former classmates who joined Supply Branch on February 1, 1938 or from those who may have photographs of the 48 new entrants.

HMS Friendship (1945): Ex-AB R. Clayton, 33 Rosewood Avenue, Robey Estate, Rugby, Warwickshire CU22 5PJ would like to contact ex-AB Joe Armstrong of Cumberland.

Gibraltar (1917-19): If any RNVR members who served in MLs minesweeping remember CPO Engineer officer George Oakes, please contact his daughter, near York (tel. 0347-810384).

HMS Narvik (1958/59): Ex-LRGO Don Bardsley, 34 Rixson Street, Watersheddings, Oldham OL4 2NX (tel. 061-624-1388), wishes to contact old shipmates and 'Z' Mess oppos, also those of HMS Mercury, class 44A, 1956- Sparkers class.

HMS Esperance Bay (1939-41): Mr. J. Francis, Mersey RNVR, 35 The Fairway, Deal, Kent CT14 6RZ (tel. 0430-368563), wants to contact F. 'Ginger' Taylor, RNVR East Scotland.

HMS Cleopatra: Mr. D. Ford, 24 Duddery Hill, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8DP, (0440-705576), wants to contact, on behalf of Ron Wilkins ex-RM, his old shipmate ex-Ck Jim Sheen, who lived in Waterloo or Wandsworth areas UJC Clapham South of Wandsworth Road.

HMS Eagle (1955-56): Mr. Brian Key, 30 Langfield Road, Littleport, CB6 1LB, (tel. 0353-861046), would like to hear from any member of 830 Squadron.

Naval Meteorological Observers (1948-68): Those interested in renewing contact with old mates please telephone Peter Claridge (0329-663463) (south) or, Clem Oliver (0226-752590) (north).

HMS Ganges (1937): Boy Stan Keeler, second class, 19 Tewkesbury Ave, Blackpool, Lancs FY4 2NF (tel. 42418), who joined HMS Ganges, Dec 1973, and became a member of PO Fred Churches' and Jerry Lane's class, 23 Long Covered Way, would like to hear from old class members, especially 'Nobby' Walton, Ralph Messer, Ramsey Hendry, Campion, Riley and Mottershead.

HMS Witherington (1939-41): Mr. Ron Gillman, 18 Cavendish House, Collingwood Close, Peacehaven, East Sussex BN10 8EE, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates.

HMS Malaga (1937-40): Mr. G. E. 'Gillie' Potter, 11 Cundance House, Queen Street, Honiton, Devon EX14 8JA wants to get in touch with the secretary of the Malaga Assn and survivors of the Boats crew.

HMS Pelorus (1943-46): Mr. T. Gamble, 4 Harry Road, Reddish, Stockport, Cheshire SK5 6TX would be pleased to hear from ex-Coder A. Harrison of Rochdale.

HMS Formidable (1940-44): Mr. A. W. Russell, ex-LSto, 'Broadmeers', Mill Road, Potter Heigham, Gt Yarmouth NR29 5HY, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates also of HMS Affleck (1944-45).

HMS Royal Arthur: Will anyone who has joined the association since May, 1989 and who has not received membership details contact: Mr. John Stephens, West View, Buckthorn Avenue, Skegness, Lincs PE25 1QQ (tel. 0754-66414).

HMS Ganges (1925): Mr. Jack Castle, 92 Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, wants to get in touch with members of class 98A, Division 5A, Mess No. 5.

HMS Formidable (1944/46): Mr. L. G. 'Monty' Banks, 32 Edinburgh Drive, Rushall, Walsall, West Midlands (tel. 0922-29669), would like to hear from old shipmates of stokers mess, also engineering officers. He would like to know if a reunion was ever held, or if anyone is interested in having one arranged 45 years on from the Battle of Okinawa. He would also like to contact Derek Tibbles of HMS Duke training establishment, Malvern, 1943.

HMS Rodney (1941-44): Mr. R. G. Jackson, 13 Temple Street, Nelson, Lancs BB9 0TE, enjoyed a reunion of old shipmates at Blackpool and would be pleased to hear from those who did not attend.

HMS Narvik (1952): Mr. Sid Hardwick, 20 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants, PO1 1DE, would welcome news of old shipmates.

HMS Phoebe (1946-47): Mr. P. W. Saunders, 5 Coldharbour Lane, Harpenden, Herts AL5 4NQ (tel. 05827-32530), wants to hear from old shipmates, especially ex-Telegraphist Angus Kerr of Glasgow.

HM Ships Illustrious and Albion: Ex-L/Airman, Ken 'Blood' Read of Liverpool who served as an aircraft handler through-out the 1950s and in HM Ships Illustrious and Albion, would welcome news of old shipmates. They should get in touch with his son, PO(AH) P. N. Read of HMS Daedalus (tel. 0705-550143 ext. 4409).

HMS Curacao (1942): Former Sub-Lieut. P. E. M. Holmes RNVR, Unit 7, 190 Marine Parade, Cottesloe, W. Australia 6011, wants to get in touch with former Lieut. R. K. Glover RNVR, Surg-Lieut. G. J. Rooke RNVR and Lieut. Charles W. Windham RN (Rtd), who left the ship before her collision with the S.S. Queen Mary.

HMS Cavendish (1944): Mr. G. Bell, 21 Ammerston Road, Newport, Middlesex, Cleveland TS1 5LL (tel. 217867) would like to be put in touch with the Cavendish association, if one exists, and to hear from old shipmates.

Dunkirk (1939-40): Lieut.-Cdr. S. E. Glover RN (Rtd), 'Woodland Gate', Tithing Lane, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants SO24 0JJ (tel. Bramdean 476), would like to hear from former members of a Gunner Party, seconded to the Army under General Ironsides of York Command, to erect and train East Coast Defences from Berwick to the Wash.

HMS Mull of Kintyre (1951): Ex-CERA A. Vaughan, 8 Elizabeth Road, Boston, Lincs, PE21 9AS, wants to get in touch with ex-ERH A. Appleton or anyone who knows of his whereabouts.

HMS Aberdeen (Freetown, 1942-44): Mr. W. 'Bill' Denwood, 'Glebe House', Camp St. Maryport, Cumbria (tel. 813490), would like to contact Teis(S), or any old shipmates with a reunion.

HMS Wuchang (Trincomalee, 1944): Mr. J. D. Carter ex-POTEL, 10 Southgreen Gardens, Ruatonga Garden Estate, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO16 7DS (tel. 0255-476360), would be pleased to hear from old shipmates.

HMS Orion: Calling all communications personnel: Jan Hanlon, Gerry Trim, Derek Kent, Len Faul, Stan Dolman, Johnny Gravestock, wish to make contact with old shipmates. Telephone: 0604-491002.

HMS Cleopatra (1945-46): Ex-Radar A/F. E. Danbials, 45 Glebe Rise, King's Sutton, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 3PH (0295-810024) wishes to hear from old shipmates, especially 'Jock' Lowson, late of Forfar, Scotland and other members of 18 Mess.

HMS St Vincent Assn: Instructional and divisional staff interested in forming an association send name and addresses, including stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Kenneth Cast, Deep Ocean Engineering, Unit A20, The Sanderson Centre, Lees Lane, Gosport, Hampshire PO12 3UL (tel. 0705-502502). The following information would also be helpful—division, class, entry number and if instructors, the specialisation, seamanship, radar and the like.

HM Ships Cleopatra/Gabbard/Defender (1949-55): Mr. R. J. Goodwin, 3 Longmead Way, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 3TF (tel. Tonbridge 352472), would be pleased to hear from old shipmates.

HMS Totem (1949-51): Mr. L. W. Swift, 6 Conifer Crescent, Clifton Estate, Nottingham, NG11 9EQ, would dearly like to swap yarns with old boat mates especially, Oxlade Foreendman of W. London, Bungy Williams of Devon, Willie Comber, ex-AB Mason, LdgSEA Voysey.

HM Ships Bruiser and Boxer: Mr. Lou Morton, Bulawayo RNA Branch, 13 De Beer Avenue, Paddenhurst, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates.

HMS Milne: Mr. Bobbie Wells who sailed a dozen Russian convoys in the Milne and who has a good selection of photographs taken on some of the Kola runs, would be pleased to hear from old shipmates. He can be contacted c/o Bulawayo RNA Branch, 13 De Beer Avenue, Paddenhurst, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

HMS Cavalier (1961-66): Mr. Sid Anning, 14 Kipling Gardens, Crownhill, Plymouth PL5 3H (tel. 0752-768201), would like to get in touch with 'Soapy' Ian Watson, who served in Gib, when the Cavalier was undergoing refit, and lived at Ashford, Middx, to invite him to a March reunion of former members of the ship's company.

HMS Peacock & MAB 3053 (1947-52): Mr. Don Kelley, 16 School Close, Croft, Leicester LE9 6HB (tel. 0455-282776), would be pleased to hear from old shipmates.

HMS Maryborough: Ex-Sig Alan Tonkin, 14 Whin Ave, Bolton-Le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancs LA5 8DA would like to hear from old shipmates, especially of the Communications Mess.

Air rescues double

THE number of people rescued by helicopters from RN air station Cudroze last year was more than double that of 1988—up from 96 to 216.

Sporting success

THE FIVE Leander class frigates of the Sixth Frigate Squadron, HMS Hermione, Andromeda, Charybdis, Juno and Jupiter, took part in an action-packed two-day "meet".

On the first day the Jupiter won the golf tournament at HMS Dryad while the Hermione and Charybdis finished joint winners of an aquatic "It's a Knockout" at HMS Temeraire.

Day two included professional meetings at all levels.

Results of other knockout competitions: Rugby, Jupiter; soccer, Andromeda; hockey, Andromeda and Juno. Victory in a bicycle "vectac", enabled the Jupiter to take the overall trophy.



Over to You

QARNNS: Mrs. J. New (nee Graff James), 4 Rosebery Avenue, Goring by Sea, Woking, W. Sussex BN12 4EU (tel. Worthing 45939), wants to contact Nurse Susan McConnell, who trained with her in Liverpool and later served in the QARNNS.

X-Craft: A memorial stone and scroll commemorating those who served in X-Craft submarines, will be unveiled at Port Bannatney, near Rotherham, on May 12 to which former submariners are invited. Details from: Lieut.-Cdr. Hornby, Priestnall RNR, The Old Rectory, Kedleston, Derbyshire DE6 4JJ (tel. 0332-841515).

Vancouver: Members of the naval veterans association meet on the first Sunday of the month in the CPOs' and POS' Mess of HMS Discovery at 1300 hrs and extend a welcome to visiting personnel.

Naval Engineer Officers: The traditional tie worn by engineer officers is no longer available from naval tailors. If anyone knows where a tie can be found contact: Mrs. Rita Bicknell, Springfield, 2 Salter Acres, Winchester, Hants SO22 5JW.

HMS Gipsy (1939): Mr. J. E. McBurney, 2 Priory Close, Nounsley, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 2NN (tel. 0245-380531), wants to hear from survivors of the Gipsy, who will be interested to know

that a ship's foremast, believed to be that of the Gipsy, has been found and may be sighted ashore close to where the ship went down.

HMS Quorn: As Loughborough Sea Cadet Unit is affiliated to the present HMS Quorn, Sub-Lieut. (SCC) R. J. Moore RNR, 99 Holywell Drive, Loughborough LE11 3JX (tel. 0509-266164, office 0509-214546), is interested in the history of the Hunt Class destroyer HMS Quorn and the submarine HMS Seawolf for research being carried out. He would like to hear from officers and former members of the ship's companies.

FAA national association: The association boasts 12 branches but aims to expand and would like to hear from former Fleet Air Arm personnel. For details contact: Mr. W. J. (Bill) Neale, 24 Bredon Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands EP69 1EP.

HMS Sickle (June 1943): Anyone who knew the late Lieut Patrick B. Jakeman RNVR, who served in 'chariots' (human torpedoes) in Malta in 1943, and was later lost in the Sickle, please contact his brother Mr. Noel Jakeman, 419 Watling Street, Radlett, Herts WD7 7JG.

Mr. Robert Ramsay: 'Dalvina', Main Street, Kyle, Ross-shire IV40 8DA, wants to contact Paul Roberts, son of POWTR Roberts, who in 1981, served at the BUTEC

Naval Base, Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire, last known address, 118 Fairmead Road, Yeovil.

Omaha Beach landings: A retired US Navy captain, Mr. Robert A. Rowe, 27942 Beechgate Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90274, would like to hear from RM and RN personnel who manned the following landing craft—Ben My Chree, Prince Charles, Empire Anvil, Amsterdam and Empire Javelin, which landed US troops on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

1990 Inflatable Boat Race: This event takes place from June 10 to June 16 and covers a 500 mile course circumnavigating the north of Scotland—inverness via Cape Wrath and Pentland Firth. Entrants must be rigid inflatables IBB with horse power not to exceed hull manufacturers recommendations. Details from IRB(Prov), 48 Eaton Place, London SW1W 8AL (tel. 01-235-2724).

Humber Naval Enthusiasts: This society, which is based in Hull, meets at 1930 on the third Tuesday of the month in their local Sea Cadet Unit (TS Revenge) in Stanley Street. There is a welcome for new members and also for enthusiasts visiting the Hull district. Details from the chairman, Jim Wilcock, on Hull (0482) 26738.



Pen Friends

READERS seeking penfriends in the Royal Navy are listed below. Any sailor who writes to an applicant must use a stamped envelope bearing the applicant's name and town. The letters should be enclosed in a second envelope addressed to "Pen Pals," Navy News, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. On receipt the replies will be redirected—but only if they have been stamped.

Caroline (24), 5ft.2in. Tewkesbury, Glos. Jill (36), 5ft. Exeter, Devon. Lynne (21), Blackburn, Lancs. Lorraine (30), 5ft.8in. Stanley, Co. Durham. Mrs. P. (63), Braintree, Essex. Marie (29), 5ft.2in. Braunstone, Leicester. Brenda (38), Dundee. Sharon (22), Ebbw Vale, Gwent. Julia (21), Portsmouth, Hants. Anita (21), Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Jane (17), 5ft.4in. Hull, Humberside. Sharon (38), 5ft.6in. St Ives, Cornwall. Emma (18), 5ft.7in. Stourbridge, W. Midlands. Debi (25), 5ft.6in. Blackpool, Lancs. Kerry (19), Ryde, Isle of Wight. Karen (25), 5ft.6in. Folkestone, Kent. Geraldine (30), Nottingham. Margery (46), 5ft.2in. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Lisa (22), 5ft.6in. Co. Durham. Mandy (23), 5ft.10in. Farnham, Surrey.

Helen (30), Letchworth, Herts. Julie (18), 5ft.7in. Sutton Coldfield. Angela (22),

5ft.4in. Portsmouth, Hants. Norma (27), 5ft.9in. Lechlade, Glos. Kay (27), 5ft.2in. Old Windsor, Berks. Miriam (29), 5ft.4in. Streatham, London. Helen (25), London. Julie-Ann (19), 5ft.4in. Newton Abbot, Devon. Donna (22), 5ft.7in. Birmingham. Maureen (36), 5ft.5in. Birmingham. Angela (32), 5ft.4in. Bayswater, London. Miss L. (30), 5ft.6in. York. Debra (30), 5ft.6in. Plymouth, Devon. Alison (30), 5ft.8in. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Sue (28), 5ft.5in. Taunton, Somerset. Mandy (26), 5ft. Worcester. Tracy (25), 5ft.6in. Holloway, London. Miss K. (23), 5ft.8in. Plymouth, Devon. Maxine (19), 5ft.4in. Swansea. Glam. Sue (23), 5ft.5in. Basildon, Essex.

Julie (24), Raunds, Northants. Samantha (21), 5ft.3in. Walsall, W. Midlands. Lisa (21), 5ft.4in. Walsall, W. Midlands. Margaret (25), 5ft.4in. Mildenhall, Suffolk. Beverly (15), Co. Durham. Sandy (36), 5ft.5in. Salisbury, Wilts. Tracy (20), 5ft.8in. Cowes, Isle of Wight. Jane (33), 5ft.10in. Rothwell, Northants. Julia (20), 5ft. Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. Patricia (42), Erskine, Renfrewshire.

Kristin (31), 5ft.6in. Coventry. Maureen (39), 5ft.5in. Warwick. Lorraine (26), Stevenage, Herts. Tracey (24), Barking, Essex. Roz (40), Southport, Merseyside. Anne (39), 5ft.4in. Keighley, Yorks. Vicky (19), Leicester. Theresa (26), 5ft.6in. Leamington Spa.



Reunions

Combined Services: A reunion is planned for members on Saturday, May 5, to mark the 45th anniversary of V.E. Day. It will be held at the Crews Campus of the Crews and Alsager College of Higher Education and will include a muster of branch and association standards—standard bearers admitted free. Further details from: Shipmate J. G. Davies, 18 Alton Street, Crews, Cheshire CW2 7QQ (tel. 0270-60959).

HMS Nelson (Battleship): The fifth reunion of former members of the ship's company will take place on May 5, at the Victory Club, HMS Nelson to which members of the Nelson's sister ship, HMS Rodney are invited. For details contact: Mr. G. Treadwell, 31 Clyde Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3DN (tel. 0705-521 504).

HMS Naiaid (1974-80): Former members of the ship's company interested in a get-together and perhaps forming an association contact: Mr. Ted Coleman, The Walrus, Athenaeum Street, Plymouth, PL1 2RH (tel. 0752-266981).

HMS Gambia: The fourth reunion will be held at the RNA Club, Royal Leamington Spa, on October 27 and a welcome is extended to former members of the ship's company of HMS Ulster (1945). Further details from: Mr. Les Newman, 3 Coppice Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2JE (tel. 0926-831599).

HMS Liverpool association seventh reunion will be held on the afternoon of June 9, in the POs' Mess, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. Further details from: Mr. John Waters, 2 Dewberry Road, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 5XJ (tel. 0384-71064).

Upper Yardman Class (1940): Would members wishing to observe the 50th anniversary of Upper Yardman class, RNB, Portsmouth, 1940, contact: Mr. David Welsh, Plough House, Fiskerton, Lincoln, LN3 4EX (tel. 0522-750102).

HMS Kipling reunion takes place at the Ashburn Hotel, Fordingbridge, Hants on June 2. For details contact: Mr. E. Clark, 11 Melrose Avenue, Cove, Farnborough, Hants GU14 5SY (tel. 0252-548853).

Old Hermione Association reunion dinner takes place on May 5, at Blackpool. For details send a stamped addressed envelope to: Mr. R. Fleming, 7 Highbury Avenue, Blackpool FY3 7DL.

HMS Bullen (K469): The second reunion takes place at St Edmunds Hotel, Gorleston, Gt Yarmouth on April 28, dinner, 6.30 p.m., overnight accommodation available. Crew members not already in touch contact: Mr. C. W. Bilverstone, 31 Sands Lane, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3ER (tel. 0502-561130).

The George Cross Island Association reunion will take place in Malta, in March, and a warm welcome is extended to all allied forces, including nurses, and Civil Defence personnel who served on the island from June 10, 1940 to May 13, 1943, or who were engaged in attempts to supply the besieged fortress between those dates. The association, formed in July, 1987, boasts 1,500 members with branches in the UK and overseas. For details contact: Mr. A. (Tony) Spooner, 12 Parkside, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey GU9 0JP (tel. 0252-710408).

Combined Ex-Services Association reunion weekend will take place from June 15 to 17 in Bridlington. Further details from Mr. R. Collins, 38 Hermitage Road, Bridlington, YO16 4HG (tel. 0262-604270).

HMS Middleton (L74): The sixth annual reunion will take place on April 28, at the RNA Club, Royal Leamington Spa. First timers please contact: Mr. Mike Alston, 6 Belmont Park Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 6HT (tel. 0628-29655).

Japanese Prisoners of War reunion: The annual reunion of survivors of the Battle of Java Sea, 27 Feb 1942, and the Battle of

the Sunda Straits, 1 March, 1942, will take place at the Oswalds Hotel Babbacombe, Torquay, on March 2/3. Further details from Mr. W.E. Johns, c/o Mr. Gilmore, Manager, Oswalds Hotel, Palemo Road, Babbacombe, Torquay.

Russian Convo Club: East Anglian branch quarterly meeting will take place at the Conservative Club, Kirby Street, Ipswich, Suffolk at 11.30am on Sat, March 31. Names for lunches required to the Hon. Sec. Mr. G.P. Ward, 15 Peterhouse Crescent, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4HZ. (tel. 03943-3031).

HMS Tattoo (1943-46): The third reunion will be held at the Royal Sailor's Home Club, Portsmouth, on June 6 and 7. Details from: Mr. A. (Joe) Rue, 30 East Drive, Blunsdon Abbey, Swindon, Wilts SN2 4DP (tel. 0793-724490).

HMS Croome (1941-44): The third annual reunion will be held in Bromsgrove, on Sat, May 19. Further details from: Mr. R. Coulson, 66D Manor House, Close Moss Side, Leyland, Lancs (0772-622223).

"Grapple": The annual reunion of officers who served on Christmas Island with operation "Grapple" will be held at the RAI Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, on Sat March 24. Wives are invited to the luncheon. Further details from: Mr. David Brockett, Phyllis Court Club, Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 2HT.

HMS Brossington: It is hoped to hold a reunion for former members of the ship's company and their families on July 22. The reunion will be hosted by Mr. & Mrs John Fairey, Brossington House, and would take the form of a family barbecue. Those interested contact: Lieut.-Cdr S.J. Scorer, 13 Verne Road, Rodwell, Weymouth, Dorset, (tel. 0305-775169).

HMS Simbang (1946-47): Those interested in a reunion contact Ex-LSA C.W. Maxwell, 45 New Road, Water Orton, Birmingham B46 1QP (tel. 021-747-2418).

Aircraft Handlers association reunion takes place over weekend May 11 to 13, at Barton Hall, Torbay, to which members and non-members are invited. Tickets from: Mr. Ian Beard, 6 Meadow Crescent, Castle Donington, Derby DE7 2LX (tel. 0332-850471).

HMS Cornwall (1939-42): The association's annual reunion will be held in the Gascoigne Rooms, Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London, on March 3. Details from: Mr. P. Scott, 6 Gatward Close, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1AS (tel. 01-360-8736).

Gollies: Serving and ex-serving senior EW rates are invited to a social evening on March 17, at 1900 hrs in the Wo's Mess, HMS Dryad. Tickets £6 each, available from CPO(OPS)(EW) McFarland (tel. Cosham 210522 ext 4599).

Blake Division artificer apprentices who joined in January 1940 will be holding their 50th anniversary on Saturday March 10th at the Home Club, Queens Street, Portsmouth. For details contact R Combes, 9 St Catherine's Court, Cambridge Drive, Ipswich (tel. 0473 683476).

HMS Fulmar (RNAS Lossiemouth) buffet dance and reunion will take place on April 21, at the "Lanerock Bank Hotel". Details from Mr. B. Jones, Torr House, Moss St, Elgin IV30 1LU (tel. 0343-542661).

HMS Glasgow Old Boy's reunion will take place in the Victory Club, HMS Nelson, on July 28, followed next day by a memorial service in St Ann's Church, Portsmouth Dockyard. Tickets for buffet dance £7, available from Shipmate John Morris, Portsmouth RNO Club.

HMS Cleopatra reunion will take place on May 19, at Hebburn, Tyne and Wear to which former ship's companies are invited. Details from Mr. F. E. Daniel, 45 Glebe Rise, King's Sutton, Banbury, Oxon OX17 3PH (tel. 0295 810024).

Naval Careers Service A reunion will be held at the Nautical Club, Birmingham, over weekend Oct 6 and 7, for past and present members of the Naval Careers Service. Those interested contact: WO2 G. E. Morley, Careers Information Office, RN&RMWRNS, 105 Mayflower Street, Plymouth PL1 1SD (tel. 0752-266487).

HMS Duke, Great Malvern, Worcs training base (1942-43): A reunion of those who served in the base will be held on April 7/8. Details from Mr. G. W. Hyde, 8 Gibbons Crescent, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs DY13 8ET (tel. 06986).

HMS Scythian (1954-59) Don't dip out on the big reunion details of which can be obtained from Mr. T. G. Spencer, 2 Rosedale Gardens, Hensburgh G84 7RW or Dave (Tanky) Knott, 8 Mill Road, Mile End, Colchester, CO4 5LD.

HMS Serene (1944-47) reunion will take place on April 28, at the Community Centre, Lingfield, Surrey, buffet lunch, tea and supper will be provided. Details from Mr. E. Drummond, 5 Greenway, Scarcroft, Leeds LS14 3BJ (tel. 0532-852222).

HMS Black Prince (1943-46): A reunion of the ship's company will take place on May 5, at Hotel St James, Leicester. For details contact: Mr. H. Johnson, 190 Winstanley Drive, Braunstone Estate, Leicester LE3 1PD.

OPERATORS

*When you leave
the Services...*



**The
Three Tees Agency Ltd**

The team to trust

Contact the Three Tees Agency
and let your Services skills pay in Civvy Street

The Three Tees Agency serves 6,000 companies and deals solely with vacancies for Telephone, Telex and Teleprinter Operators. You can be sure of a warm welcome and free advice and guidance on employment prospects in the commercial world of Telecommunications. If you are rusty, we can give you the opportunity to brush up your operating and also familiarise you with commercial routines and equipment, and then guide you to the right job, permanent or temporary. In some cases resettlement courses are available for those seeking permanent employment in the Greater London area.

Call in, write or telephone
110 Fleet Street, EC4. 01-353 3611 124 Regent Street, W1. 01-734 0365

RETIRING SOON LOOKING FOR A SECOND CAREER — For Sale —

Unopposed sub-post office with substantial salary plus stationery department — 4 bedroomed flat, situated in busy and expanding north Shropshire market town.

OFFERS OVER £300,000
Reply Navy News Box No. 1017

NAVY NEWS ADVERTISING RATES

WHOLE PAGE £1,700* HALF PAGE £925*
QUARTER PAGE £525*

SINGLE COLUMN CM (Minimum acceptable 2.5 cm) £11*

*Plus VAT at 15%
For rates, series discounts and other details please contact:
Lesley Williams, Navy News, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth PO1 3HH
Tel. (0705) 826040. Fax (0705) 830149

CUSTOMER SUPPORT-

*The worldwide
success of our civil
aircraft means that
we can offer Service
Support Engineers
the opportunity to
work on ATP airliner
and other BAe civil
products both
overseas and at
our headquarters
in Woodford,
Cheshire.*

Service
Engineering roles
at home &
overseas

OVERSEAS BASED

Working at an operator's site for up to a two year period, you'll be assisting and advising on all aspects of aircraft maintenance, planning and repair. You will also act as representative to other operators in your locality.

WOODFORD BASED

Based at the ATP Support Centre at Woodford, you'll provide a similar service to the overseas engineers and also liaise with technical support in the field and headquarters technical departments. Occasional visits to UK and overseas operations may be required.

SYSTEMS SPECIALIST ENGINEERS

Based at Woodford, specialist engineers will provide assistance to the service support engineers by way of their in-depth knowledge of aircraft systems. Specialists in the field of avionics, electrics, airframes, engines, hydraulics, flying controls, air-conditioning and structures are required. Occasional visits to UK and overseas operators may be required.

If you have a civil aviation background, you should be a licensed engineer or possess 10 years' relevant experience. If you have a Service background, you should have at least 8 years' relevant experience. Full training will be provided and you will be encouraged to gain licences or approvals.

As a major international employer, we offer excellent terms and conditions of employment, including competitive salaries, a discount car purchase scheme and pension and life assurance. Generous overseas allowances and relocation expenses will be paid if applicable.

To apply please telephone the Personnel Services Department on 061-439 5050, ext 3798 between 9.00am & 4.00pm or write to British Aerospace (Commercial Aircraft) Ltd, Chester Road, Woodford, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 1QR.



**BRITISH AEROSPACE
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT**

Telecoms Personnel Limited

SPECIALIST

**Telecommunications and
Computer Staff Recruitment
Permanent & Temporary**

We shall be happy to assist you to find civilian employment, where your experience and knowledge of Computerised Message Systems, Telex, or Telephone Switchboards can be applied.

Please call us to arrange a convenient date and time to discuss your future direction and prospects.

Should you be entitled to Resettlement Leave, ask your Resettlement Officer to arrange with us for you to obtain first hand commercial experience.

We look forward to making your acquaintance
No fees to applicants

TELECOMS PERSONNEL LIMITED
(Recruitment Consultants)

5 St Helens Place, London EC3A 6BH
Telephone 01-628 6176. Fax: 01-628 1798

AMBITIOUS MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

General Portfolio Financial Planning Services, a successful national company, requires up to ten people to join its financial planning team as part of a major expansion programme in the London area this year.

Applicants from any discipline will be considered, as comprehensive training will be provided. The successful candidate will be 23+, self motivated and business-like.

These positions would suit entrepreneurs, with a desire for success and exceptional rewards.

Apply in writing, enclosing a curriculum vitae to Peter Lee, General Portfolio Financial Planning Services, 2nd Floor, Provincial House, 62-68 Eden Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT1 1EL.

For further information telephone
Peter Lee 01-547 1082.



**General
Portfolio**

Financial Planning Services

COMMUNICATORS

The transition from Service to Civilian life can be a worrying time — not if you contact:

PRAMAVALE LIMITED

Telex, Telephone & Telecommunications
Personnel Consultants

No. 6 Broad St. Place, Blomfield Street
London EC2M 7JU

Tel: 01-628 4704 Telex: 265789 TEMPS G

Whether you are (G) (T) (SM) or WRO we can ensure that your skills in the use of VDU's accessing into Message Switching Equipment (R.N. TARE and computerised message handling systems) are put to the best possible use by our many City clients.

Spend 28 days on a CIVILIAN ATTACHMENT COURSE with a prospective civilian employer. For details of this course, contact your Resettlement/Education Officer (BR 1797 also refers). However for those not entitled to a Civilian Attachment Course, on job training can still be provided with prospective employers.

OTHER CATEGORIES

Enquiries are also welcomed from WRNS Telephonists and from Electrical Artificers who have an in-depth knowledge of computerised communications systems.

CONTACT

Mr. A. Fox (Ex-WO RS)

Mr. C. J. Netherton MBIM (Ex C.R.S.)
Managing Director

RADIO/RADAR ENGINEER

SHORTS have a requirement for an engineer experienced in aircraft radio communication and radio/radar navigation equipment. This post requires a CAA X and/or R licensed engineer but company sponsorship might be available for the right candidate who has yet to qualify.

This is a contract appointment in Western Europe with generous salary and allowances.

Send CV applications to, or obtain further details from:

Administration Manager, Short Brothers PLC
Building 370, Flugplatz
6660 Zweibrücken, W. Germany
Telephone 010-49-6332-49091

T&T COMMUNICATIONS

"Leading the way in communications recruitment"

... 'SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO JOIN THE COMMERCIAL WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS' ...

Here at T&T, we pride ourselves in finding career opportunities for forces trained personnel, which are second to none... We handle hundreds of vacancies throughout London and the South East of England, for both temporary and permanent requirements within leading organisations, including banks, stock/commodity brokers and shipping companies. The benefits on offer by these companies range from REDUCED MORTGAGE FACILITIES, BONUSES, FREE PENSION, LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCES, CHEAP PERSONAL LOANS, PAID OVERTIME, SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUBS, CROSS AND ONGOING TRAINING... to list but a few!

All you need is to be of smart appearance and have the desire to progress within the telex, VDU, voice, network or management fields.

AT NO COST TO YOU, WE OFFER...

Advice on C/V presentation, salary structures, civilian attachment, interview techniques, overnight accommodation along with regular temporary work, holiday discounts and social evenings!!

Either call us for an informal chat or, return the coupon NOW...

01-247-7628

Name: Age:

Address:

Tel. No. (.....) Rank: Date avail. from:

T&T COMMUNICATIONS
16 DEVONSHIRE ROW LONDON EC2M 4RH
FAX C/Vs to 01-247 2199

T&T

A WGW CO

BELL HELICOPTER ARABIA LTD

Bell Arabia Ltd. is under contract to supply training and maintenance support for the Royal Saudi Airforce 206 and 212 helicopters in the Kingdom. We seek candidates with current or recent experience on the above and/or the SH3, S61 or Sea King.

Q.C. ENGINES, DYNAMICS, A.P.G. AND INSTRUMENTS

The minimum requirements call for five years' trouble shooting experience supported by certification from training schools.

PT6 ENGINE SPECIALISTS

Again we seek a minimum of five years' experience on 212 helicopters with PT6 T3 engines supported by training school certification or the appropriate military documentation.

In addition to the above vacancies we are interested in receiving applications from the following tradesmen who have the relevant experience and certification for future needs:

MAINT. TECHNICIANS, ELECTRICIANS, INSTRUMENTS, AIRFRAME AND ENGINES

The benefits package includes free food and accommodation, tax-free salary, paid leave and air ticket. Initially a one year renewable contract will be offered.

Interested candidates please send a CV with copies of your qualifications and training certificates to Ref DH/90, ARA International, 6th Floor, Carolyn House, Dingwall Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 9XF.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Established franchise
BUSINESS FOR SALE
Hants and Surrey Area

Sole rights for distribution of cleaning and valeting products to the motor and transport trades. Good potential for expansion, excellent gross profit margin. For further details telephone 0705 829160 after 6 p.m.

DON'T FORGET

NAVY NEWS PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Postcards of Ships of the RN (see page 5)
RN Calendar 1990 (see page 36)
T-Shirts/Sweatshirts (phone for details)
Tel. 0705 826040 Fax 0705 830149

SAUDI ARABIA IPEDEX INTERNATIONAL

We currently have immediate vacancies for personnel preferably with Marine/Naval/Military experience in the following disciplines:-

TECHNICIANS

Radar, Sonar, Communications, Idophore, Refrig/Air Cond.

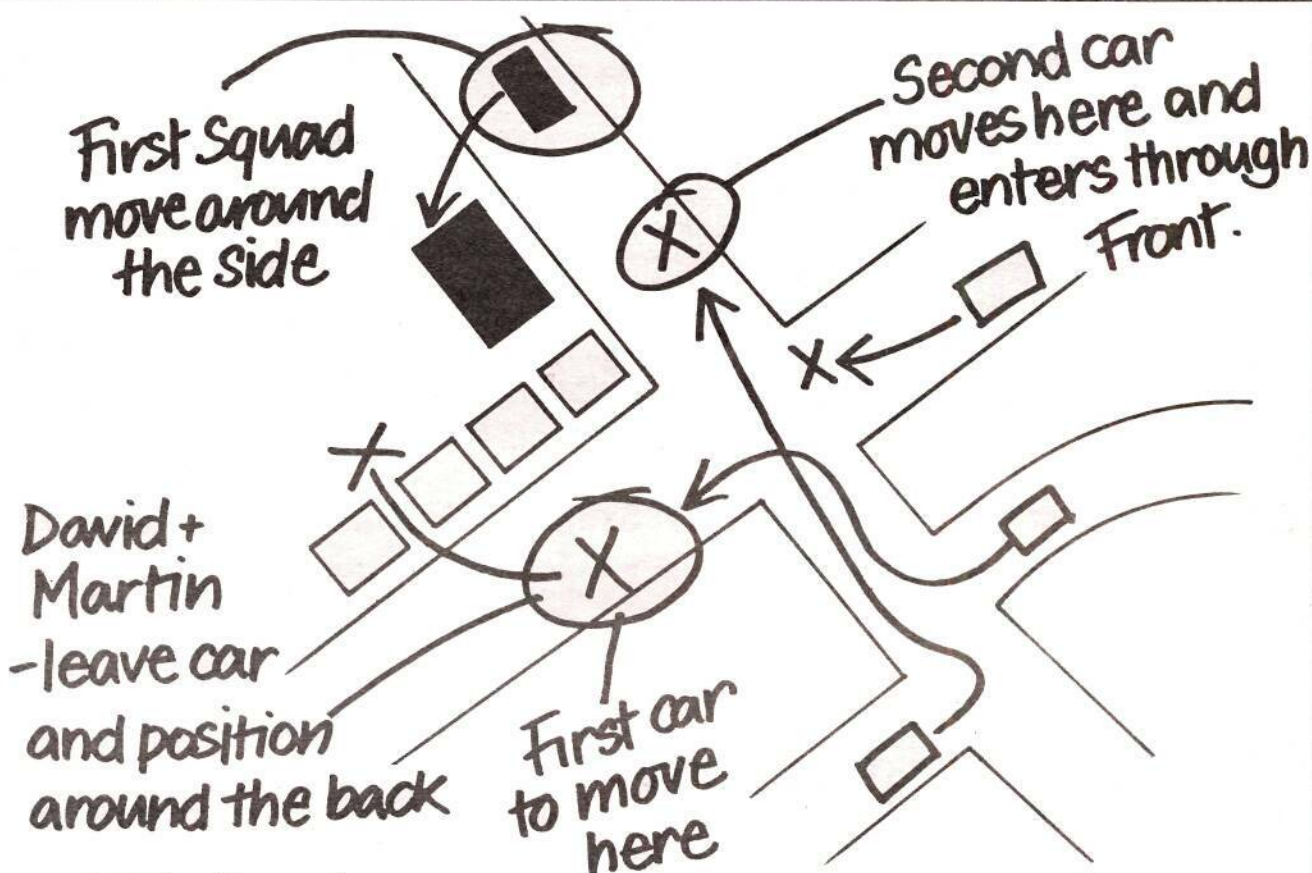
ENGINEERS, PLANNERS & DESIGNERS
Mechanical, Structural and Electrical.

SUPPLY/LOGISTICS SPECIALISTS
HARBOURMASTER AND DOCKMASTER
COMPUTER PERSONNEL
With IBM experience.

Please contact:-
Patrick Tweddle, Recruitment Manager Overseas Division,

ipedex

ipedex UK Limited, Trinity Quay House,
49 Market Street, Aberdeen AB1 2PZ.
Tel: 0224 575615. Fax: 0224 575624.



This is not an exercise

You know what it is like to come up against the enemy - perhaps a hidden enemy that you can't immediately see. You know that it can call for both courage and patience; that you must know when to make your move and when to lay in wait.

As a Customs and Excise Investigator, you would be up against just such an enemy; hidden trades that wreck lives, breed crime, or defraud the tax payer of millions of pounds. Because it is our job to flush out major drug traffickers and VAT fraudsters - to watch them, pursue them, investigate them and bring them to justice.

Of course it is not all car chases and action, though you will be travelling throughout the UK and even abroad. To catch professional criminals takes lots of planning, plenty of research, and a large amount of painstaking collection of evidence. But if you've already decided to return to civilian life and are looking for a career every bit as challenging and worthwhile as the one you are in, we think you'll find few opportunities to match it. We have a number of Executive Officer vacancies in our Investigation Division in London for people between 17½ and 50.

What kind of people are we looking for?
In brief, individuals with the same combination

of physical and mental fitness, team spirit and personal initiative that you have been trained to have in the forces. In return we can offer a salary of up to £19,760 (including London weighting), relocation expenses of up to £1,200 where appropriate, good career prospects, and excellent training in some familiar skills - and some that will be new to you.

So why not find out more? Simply send the coupon below to the Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 1JB. Alternatively telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (24 hours) quoting reference E90/8225/464 for an application form. Closing date for receipt of application forms 23rd February 1990.

HM Customs and Excise is an equal opportunities employer.

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

E90/8225/464



HM Customs & Excise

Leaving the Service



Engineers, Technicians, Instructors, Tech. Authors, etc. Step into the best paid jobs!

We can provide positions for Forces trained personnel of all ranks. Our free, confidential and personal service provides prompt introductions to U.K. and overseas vacancies - often before they are advertised.

If you are in your final year of service, complete the reply slip below or phone Ron Alderton for a consultation.

NEW ERA SERVICES

14 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 1LL
or phone Ramsey (0487) 813030

Please send me a registration form for your Recruitment Service

Rank.....

Name.....

Address.....



SULTAN OF OMAN'S NAVY

The Sultan of Oman's Navy has an immediate vacancy for a:

Weapons Electrical Project Officer (Rank Lieutenant Commander)

c£18,400 p.a. plus end of contract gratuity of £7,500 plus Engineering Pay (subject to qualifications) at £1,030 p.a. (ALL TAX FREE).

The ideal candidate will be an ex-Royal Navy or similarly trained WE Officer with previous experience in ship design/procurement. The ability to work effectively with a multi-national workforce and deal with local and international contractors is essential.

This is a contract position initially for two years renewable annually thereafter by mutual agreement. Family visits are encouraged.

Benefits include personal issue vehicle, free air-conditioned accommodation, medical services, excellent sports facilities as well as three free air passages per year to take advantage of the generous 60 day leave allowance.

If you would like to receive more information about opportunities with this small but technically advanced Navy, please contact:

Ref. No. 104, Personnel Officer (M.R.), Airwork Limited, Bournemouth International Airport, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6EB.



Airwork
Limited
(RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS)

OFF-LICENCE MANAGEMENT



Join A Family Company That Welcomes Families

From a small wholesale house which began nearly a hundred years ago, Unwins has grown into the UK's largest independent off-licence chain. Despite our success we've never forgotten our roots - or that we're a family. That's why we're happy to take on trainee managers with families and help them build a great career.

For the first 6 months you'll undergo general training in branches within your area. As soon as you're ready for increased responsibility we'll put you into a suitable branch and give you all the support you need to be successful.

We're expanding and, provided you're bright and dedicated, we're more interested in your potential than your past. Good communication skills and a belief in customer service are essential. In return you'll receive a good basic salary, commission, free accommodation and the benefits of working for a large, family company.

If you live within 100 miles of London please call or write for our information pack and application form: **The Personnel Dept., Unwins Ltd., Birchwood House, Victoria Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 5AJ. Tel: (0322) 72711. Interviews will be held locally.**



SULTAN OF OMAN'S NAVY

The Sultan of Oman's Navy has a vacancy in its Training Centre at the recently opened Naval Base, Wudam for:

Mathematics and Science Instructor (rank Lieutenant)

This is a uniformed post with a salary of c£15,300 pa and end of contract gratuity of £6,500 ALL TAX FREE and fully remittable world wide.

The ideal candidate will be an ex-Royal Navy Instructor Officer who will be required to train officers and other ranks in Mathematics, Science and computer studies up to GCSE 'O' level equivalent.

This post is for an initial contract period of 2 years, renewable annually thereafter by mutual agreement. Family visits are encouraged.

Benefits include free accommodation and medical services and the generous 60 day leave allowance is complemented by 3 return air passages per year.

If you would like to receive more information about opportunities with this small but technically advanced Navy, please contact:

Ref. No. 103, Personnel Officer (M.R.), Airwork Limited, Bournemouth International Airport, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6EB.



Airwork
Limited
(RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS)



Could you write technical manuals
for our products?

JOIN ROLLS-ROYCE AS A TECHNICAL AUTHOR

Rolls-Royce aero engine products have earned their high reputation for engineering excellence over many years and currently hold a very strong position in a highly competitive international market.

A continuing high workload - including support for new engine/aircraft projects - has created excellent career opportunities for additional authors to supplement our existing team in Derby.

Responsibilities will centre on the authorship of maintenance manuals, overhaul manuals and support publications to enable the safe and economic operation of our products. You will work closely with Rolls-Royce engineers in design, production and service areas.

If you have recently left or are about to leave the Service, there is no better time than now to join our winning team.

Qualifications

You will have practical knowledge

and experience of gas turbine aero engines and be capable of effective communication. Relevant experience in technical authorship will be an advantage but full training in all aspects of technical authorship/publications will be given.

You will have completed a recognised engineering apprenticeship and hold an HTC, C & G or equivalent qualification.

The rewards

We appreciate that the skills we are seeking are valuable. Therefore our salary and benefits packages are structured to attract and retain those with ability.

To apply

Telephone for an application form quoting reference NN/TA to Arthur Rodgers on 0332 241243, Staff Resourcing, Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ.

We are an equal opportunities employer.



ROLLS-ROYCE

Looking for a Second Career which Makes the Most of Your Service Acquired Skills?

Airwork Limited are always interested to hear from ex-regular NCOs, between the ages of 22 and 54, with a background of technical maintenance in the areas listed, (ONC/BTEC, or equivalent an advantage. Clean driving licence is essential):

Airframes/Propulsion (Strike Aircraft, Transport Aircraft, Helicopters). Flight Systems (Strike Aircraft). Avionics. Ground Support Equipment (including LOX/RHAG). Armament (including Weapon Storage). Ground Electronics (Tactical Point-to-point Comms Systems, Aerials). Rapier. Warship Comms/Radar Systems. Warship Weapon Control Systems.

Why not write (no stamp required), enclosing a full CV, to Mr D Milne, Airwork Ltd, FREEPOST, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6BR, quoting Ref No: N/2.



Airwork
Limited

LEAVING?

THEN SELL YOURSELF — WITH A GOOD CV!

These days job hunting is an exercise in product marketing.

YOU are that product!
**WE SPECIALISE IN HM
FORCES**

For best results,
write or call:

SERVICE-CV

2 Tern Gardens,
Plymouth PL7 3HZ
Tel. 0752-344842 (24 hrs)



A NEW CAREER then SEARCH no more

If you are leaving the Navy in the next two years and...

- ... Seek a job backed up by professional training
- ... Enjoy meeting people
- ... Are over 22 years of age
- ... Require management prospects
- ... Command high financial reward
- ... Have a location preference

Then keep your options open and contact Pioneer Mutual. It won't even cost you a stamp.

Full name: Rank:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No: Age: Run out date:

Forward to: Services Liaison Manager, Pioneer Mutual Insurance Co Ltd, FREEPOST, Pioneer House, Wroxham Road, Coltishall, Norwich NR12 7BR



Game for anything!

WORK hard play hard has always been a watchword of the armed forces and one of the squadrons based at RN air station Cuddephoe is living proof.

The largest Sea King squadron in the Fleet Air Arm, 706 Squadron, has a host of sporting achievements to its credit as well as maintaining the high workload demanded of the main training squadron.

Left to right in the photograph are Lieut. Chris Eaton (Division winner of the Naval Air Command fishing competition), CPO Dougie Drane (winner of the NAC open fishing competition), Lieut. Chris Robinson (many marathon wins; fifth in the Humber Bridge race), NA John Robinson (NAC heavyweight boxing champion), AEM Lee Wafford (NAC middle-weight boxing champion), AEM Mike Bruce (runner up NAC welterweight boxing champion) and CPO Paddy Smith (NAC golf champion).

Although not in the photograph, the following members of the squadron also deserve a mention: Lieut. Cdr. Paul Lea, the senior pilot (member of winning Bambera rugby team), Lieut. Peter Davies (member NAC hockey team) and Lieut. Stan Kemp (captain of the NAC basketball team).



Determined by the rule book

FOR the first time in its history the final of the Royal Navy Rugby Union Knock-out Cup had to be decided by the rule book, writes Lieut.-Cdr. John Clark.

The problem arose when the deciding match for the Purser's

Rugby

Rum Trophy between Scottish-based 45 Commando and HMS Collingwood, played at Devonport, finished with a 25-25 scoreline.

There were anxious moments for both sides until Lieut.-Cdr. John Fisher, the competition organiser, pronounced 45 Commando winners on the basis of most tries scored.

The Royal Marines had the foundation of their victory in the first quarter of the match in which they scored 16 points from two tries by Sgt. Dickenson plus a conversion and two penalties by Minc. Gannon.

Collingwood hit back with a blind side try by PO Mordley, converted by CPO Pocklington, LWEM Oakley and LPT Parker took every opportunity to run the ball.

But 45 Commando struck first with a Gannon penalty followed by a push over by captain Lieut. Stephens getting the touchdown and Gannon again converting.

The Royal Marines withstood nearly 30 minutes of intense pressure, conceding just two penalties to the accurate boot of CPO Gannon, until in the closing minute PO Lakeman scored his way over in the corner to level the score at 25-25.

With every eye on him Gannon took the final kick which agonisingly clipped the inside of the right-hand post and bounced out.

The final whistle blew, the rule book was consulted, and designated 45 Commando collected the trophy from Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster, Flag Officer Plymouth.

Four Navy players featured prominently in the Combined Services' 18-3 victory against the Russian national side at Aldershot.

For Lieut. Chris Alcock (REA Argos) it was his second match against the Russians. He captained Central in a 12-12 draw in the opening game of the Soviet tour.

The Combined Services pack, with POPT Cass Clay (Raleigh) hooking three against the head and Royal Marines Sgt. Mick Reece (DNR) and Lieut. Ian Dickinson (42 Cdo) forming two thirds of the back row, was never troubled. The Russians could not match the flair and commitment of the Servicemen.

With the Navy in the Combined Services chair this season, the match arrangements were impeccably organised by Russian speaking Cdr. Leigh Merrick, with sponsorship from Lambis Navy Rum.

Prior to the game the teams attended the Variety March and a House of Commons reception.

Medics' trophy match

PLYMOUTH-based Royal Naval Medical Services football team beat the Royal Army Medical Corps 3-1 to take the Chatham Tankard Trophy.

Naval Medical Services scorers were Lieut. Kenney (Cdo Logistic Regiment) and LMA Wilson (RNH Haslar) 2.

ROUND BRITAIN RECORD ATTEMPT



HMS Sultan's team for the record breaking attempt and their Falcon Royale racing monohull.

TEAMS of Royal Navy engineers from HMS Sultan and Sea Cadets from TS Stirling, Birmingham, will use very different craft to mount the first dual attempt on the record for the fastest circumnavigation of Britain in a boat of under 50ft.

The existing record was set by the Royal Marines in 1983 with a time of 89 hrs 24 mins 10 secs.

A 36ft deep-vee planing monohull driven by three Suzuki 200hp engines will be used by the Sultan engineers, who will start and finish at Portsmouth.

They have called their challenge "Operation Island Fortress" and will cover the 1,500-mile-plus distance in seven legs. Their ports of call will be Brixham, Fishguard, Portpatrick, Scrabster, Berwick upon Tweed and Lowestoft and the attempt is scheduled for a predicted safe weather period in June/July.

Crewed by six, the vessel will be refuelled by a shore-side logistical team using specially equipped vehicles. Another

vehicle, carrying spare parts and emergency equipment, will be on standby.

Meanwhile, the Sea Cadets, who will set off before the Navy team, will use a 23ft rigid inflatable powered by twin 115hp outboards. They will make the circumnavigation in 10 legs, each being undertaken by a fresh crew of Cadets, male and female, aged 16 to 18, led by a supervisor.

Also starting from Portsmouth, the Sea Cadets will call in at Falmouth, Fishguard, Portpatrick, Mulling, Scrabster, Aberdeen, Whitby, Great Yarmouth and Enderbury.

Both teams are using the attempt for fund-raising projects and among the charities to benefit will be The Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the British Heart Foundation.

MASTERS IN THE SWIM

MASTERS Gala of the Royal Navy Amateur Swimming Association will be held on May 5-6 at HMS Osprey's Boscombe Centre.

The pool has now been officially measured and times achieved there can be ratified as Great Britain or even world records.

It is hoped that RN swimmers will be able to repeat their successes of the TSB National and Open Masters events, in which a team led by Lieut. Cdr. Peter Stephens gained some outstanding results.

There were particularly fine performances in the over-35 and over-45 4x50 and 1x50m relay events and in the 100m butterfly, which saw LAFM S. Thomas of 801 Squadron finish first in a new British record time of 1 min 58.96 secs.

In the 50m backstroke, 16m 54 age group, Cdr. Ian Hughes finished third in 48.51 secs.

Entry forms and further details may be obtained by writing to Mrs. E. Newman, 56 Bournemouth Avenue, Preston, Weymouth Dorset DT1 3QL, enclosing a large S.A.E. Closing date for entries is April 19.

Opportunities missed on soccer pitch

PO WILL Flint (Heron) gave the Navy a perfect start in the game against Fareham Town 1st XI when he scored a fine individual goal after five minutes, writes Lieut. Cdr. Jim Davis.

Following an error by goalkeeper MEM Jason White (Nelson), Fareham equalised when former Navy player Kevin Maddock headed home from close range.

Chances fell to both sides in an entertaining match which flowed from end to end, but with time running out Maddock flicked the ball on for Thomas, whose fine shot gave Fareham victory by two goals to one.

The Navy attack will rue the missing of opportunities they created; opportunities which should have seen the team comfortably ahead before Fareham's second goal came.

The Combined Services Football Association, with Lieut.-Cdr. Chris Brady

(Warrior) as coach and Sgt. Tiv Lowe (BRNC) as captain, completed a short tour of Portugal last month and came home undefeated in three matches. Cpl. Russell Wilson (CTCRM) was the other Senior Service player in the party.

In the game against Força Fuzileiros (the Portuguese Navy champions) the CSFA won 9-1. Second division Estrela Amadora held the visitors to a 2-2 draw and in the final match the Combined Services beat the NATO base side 5-1.

CPOPT Ian Rees, stationed at COMBERLANT, did an excellent job of making the necessary arrangements in Portugal.

STAGGERING SCORE!

WHEN two teams of Royal Marines slugged it out on the rugby field at Devonport, a staggering score of 234-6 resulted, kicking into touch the previous world record score of 194-0.

All the players represent the Royals at either unit or Corps level, but the selection process turned up one team vastly more capable than the other.

Colour Sgt. John Kimbrey said: "The winning team took the record in their stride; they could have done even better but were fairly relaxed once the record had gone."

A sponsored event, the game was in aid of the Royal Marines School of Music Relief Fund and RM Rugby Football Club funds.

SIX WINS RUNNING

HIGH fliers of the Royal Navy volleyball team marched into 1990 with a magnificent 100 per cent record of six successive wins.

Traveling to Cardiff for their second fixture, the Navy found the LVC side tenacious opponents and after two hours the score was level at 2-2.

The result had to be decided by the new rally point system, involving a maximum of 13 serves with a point scored from each serve; the winners being first to 15 with two clear points on the ground and 15 to tie the first set.

This was a tense and exciting first set with the Navy running out 16-14 winners thanks to some powerful spiking from LAFM Al Benkhoun (HMS Daedalus) and Westman SA Taff Griffiths (HMS Neptune).

A confident Navy side swept aside the Forces side 3-0 before returning to their home ground at HMS Ternmire to meet Cardiff Vales, the other Welsh side in the league.

Once again the Welshmen proved tough opponents, fighting back from 2-0 down to level the match. The Navy won their second rally point set at the season 15-10 to win the match.

In their final game of the year the Sailors beat Weymouth 3-0. They took a firm grip on play with excellent combination attacks involving new setter POFAA Gerry Smith (HMS Seahawk) and Senior Chief Jim Smith, United States Navy (HMS Mercury).



How about learning to sail?

LARGEST centre of its type in the Services, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Sail Training Centre, RMB Stonehouse, Plymouth, is offering an impressive range of courses and events throughout 1990.

With 26 Bosun sailing dinghies and a selection of Laser 1s and Laser 2s, the centre is open to all RN/RM ranks in the Plymouth area plus visitors, including all attached Army and RAF personnel.

Yachtmaster

There are 30 courses on offer this year, from basic instruction right up to the ocean yachtmasters shorebased navigation course, and everything in between.

Many major Naval events will be hosted by the centre this year, including the Claude Barry Inter-Command Team Championship in June.

Wednesday afternoon points series racing, switching to Thursday evenings when the weather gets warmer, begins this month and summer barbecue races fill out the programme.

The centre is open from 8 a.m. until last light seven days a week and details are available from Graham Tongue, Chief Instructor, RN/RM Sail Training Centre, RMB Stonehouse, Plymouth. Tel. 0752 836470 (BT) or 36470 (MOD).

CHARTER OFFER

IN conjunction with the Woodcock Trust, the Royal Naval Sailing Association owns a number of Laser 1 and 2 performance dinghies which are available to charter for an annual charge of £50.

The only other financial commitments are repairs of any minor defects up to £25 and a 33% excess on any insurance claim.

Charterers must be members of the RNSA. Those interested should contact Capt. S. A. Conway RM, Bowman Military Team, School of Signals, Blandford Camp, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 8RH. Tel. Blandford 452581 ext. 2230.

Information on RNSA membership is available from the General Secretary, c/o RNC and RAYC, 17 Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 2NT.

GOSPORT/RN MARATHON

ENTRY forms for the 1990 Royal Navy marathon, which will be incorporated in the Gosport marathon on April 1, are now available from PT offices and from the Marathon Registrar, 55 Stoke Road, Gosport, Hants.

The first two RN/RM finishers will be invited to take a place in the team to represent the Royal Navy in the United States Marine Corps Marathon in Washington at the beginning of November.

Trophies and prizes will be on offer for individuals and teams. Any further enquiries should be addressed to Cdr. Brian Davies, Marathon Coordinator, HMS Daedalus, Lee-on-Solent (ext. 4182).

DOLPHIN TAKES HOME HOCKEY TROPHY

WITH a combined age of over 100, Lieut.-Cdr. Ray Brooks and Lieut. John Parsons were on vintage form for HMS Dolphin in the hockey Navy Cup final.

In 30 years of playing Navy hockey it was their first time in a Navy Cup final and the victory gave HMS Dolphin its first Navy Cup of any kind since 1921.

Dolphin took on HMS Daedalus on Astroturf at Southampton after the pitch at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, became waterlogged.

It was a hard-fought match, with Dolphin having the early advantage and taking the lead through an individual goal by team captain Lieut.-Cdr. Martin Hodgson RAN.

Daedalus then started to get back into the game and gained short corner after short corner, but the well-rehearsed routine just would not work. Eventually Daedalus scored after a spell of

sustained pressure.

POPT Garrity, Dolphin's keeper, kept his side in the game with a good save after an excellent effort by Daedalus forward Scott Mitchell.

With 20 minutes to go a tactical substitution by Dolphin brought LPT Nesbitt on up front and he scored the clincher, giving Dolphin a 2-1 win.

Dolphin's winning squad: back row (from left) Lieut.-Cdr. Brooks POWEA Upjohn, Lieut. Titcombe, LPT Nesbitt, POWEA McNeice, AB Roberts and CPO May. Front row: Lieut. Pollock, CPO Waitley, POPT Garrity, Lieut. Parsons and Lieut. Johnson. Team captain Lieut.-Cdr. Martin Hodgson RAN and Lieut. Danny Meald were absent for the photo.



Crew buoyant for fourth leg of the Whitbread

SHORTEST leg of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race — Fremantle to Auckland — saw Satquote British Defender, the Combined Services entry, finish eighth, just over six hours behind the leading yacht, Steinlager 2.

Since then she has undergone a refit at Devonport Dockyard ... HMNZS Philomel, Devonport, Auckland, that is, followed by ten days of testing and tuning up.

The next leg of the race will begin on February 4 and will see a return to the frozen waters of the Southern Ocean as the yachts head back to Punta del Este, Uruguay. At 6,255 nautical miles this leg is almost twice as far as the one just completed.

Reporting back to the Combined Services Challenge HQ at Southampton, Cdr. Ed Searle, leading the Auckland shore team, said the crew members were in good shape and were positive about their ability to continue to improve their position in the fleet.

Regarding the most recent leg, he wrote that once into the Tasman Sea both boat and crew settled down and began to make ground on the leaders. A tactical decision to hold a more northerly course than the leading group paid off.

Closing

Satquote British Defender continued to close, getting to within 10 miles of Martela O.F., which at one stage had been 120 miles ahead. The chase down the North Island coast was very tight, with many of the yachts in sight of their closest rivals.

The exciting final charge to the line was widely covered by the media.

"The violent line squall which so discomforted Fisher

and Paykel just before the finish also hit SBD and the yacht suffered a classic broach and a 90 degree knockdown.

"Recovery required letting the spinnaker fly, but the only damage was to the sail and a certain amount of pride," reported Cdr. Searle.

He said there were clear indications that improved tuning and crew performance on the third leg had brought results, as had work to improve the yacht's trim.

"There are also indications that the boat lacks pace in some conditions and on some points of sailing compared with the pack leaders," he added.

Whether or not it will be possible to improve in this area will become clearer as Satquote British Defender continues her challenge in the world's greatest yacht race.

CELEBRATIONS, SQUALLS AND SCRAMBLED EGG!

GALLEY-slave Tim Morris laid on turkey, Christmas pudding and as many of the trimmings as possible to bring seasonal joy to his colleagues on board Satquote British Defender.

Christmas came just two days into the third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race and aboard the Combined Services entry it was a wet one rather than white ...

But wet sail bags and condensation, plus a wave breaking over the boat and joining the crew through the open hatch, failed to dampen the festivities.

Australian champagne and rum — broken open to mark Surgeon Lieut. Colin Berry's 30th birthday — helped keep spirits up.

In his diary of the third leg, Capt. Morris (7th Gurkha Rifles) wrote that the sea had started to settle by December 27, giving the crew a chance to sort out the inside of the yacht. Satquote British Defender was going well and the crew felt optimistic.

New Year's Eve, and all aboard were treated to the sight of the aurora australis, putting a seal on the celebrations.

Tim wrote: "It was a double celebration for us this year. Skipper Colin Watkins was promoted to Commander on New Year's Day ... We gave him a baseball hat with 'scrambled egg' on it ...

"We sang Auld Lang Syne, slapped each other on the back and wished all a

Happy New Year. We ate mince pies and drank Pusser's rum.

"The difference was that we were in the middle of the Tasman Sea, heeled over at 30 degrees, in the greatest yacht race in the world. We would not have swapped it for anything."

By January 4th, Satquote British Defender was still holding her own, ahead of yachts from Finland, the Soviet Union, Italy, Ireland, France and Britain. The next day brought drama ...

"Sailing down the coast towards Auckland we were hit by a 40 knot squall that laid the boat on its side. I was in the heads at the time, which was not a good place to be!

"The spinnaker that was up was ripped into confetti. The bits were pulled in over the stern. Shortly afterwards everything was back to normal as we beat our way into Auckland ..."

Tim wrote that the leg seemed very short after the two previous marathons. But it was marvellous all the same to have that first taste of beer on arrival.

"After four weeks in New Zealand we return to the frozen waters of the Southern Ocean. That is a sobering thought for everyone," he concluded.

Early success in the table tennis

FIRST fixture of the season for the Royal Navy Table Tennis team saw a win against the Hampshire C team at HMS Collingwood.

The 7-5 victory was a result of a good all-round team performance. PO Steve Reilly played at No. 1 for the RN and only dropped one match, to the Hampshire C No. 2, Wally Pay.

MEM Ivan Hazell and AB Steve Harrison also dropped one match each, both to the Hampshire C No. 1, Tony Catt. LAEM Steve Jackson lost to both Pay and Phil Watson but beat Darren Walker, his opposite number in the Hampshire team.

As a prelude to the fixture, RNTTC Collingwood played RNTTC Manadon earlier in the day. The Portsmouth area team consisted of Reilly, Jackson and WEA App Pete Staley. Playing for the Plymouth area were Hazell, Harrison and Sub-Lieut. Tim Currass. The match was very close throughout and resulted in a 5-5 draw.

The RN and Inter-Command Table Tennis Championship will take place on March 31 and April 1 at HMS Collingwood and the Tri-Service Table Tennis Championships will be held on the following two days at RAF Stanmore Park.

CS soccer

COMBINED Services football team will take on a Vauxhall League XI at the Military Stadium, Aldershot, on February 6. Supporters would be most welcome at the game and the kick-off is at 7.30 p.m.

Ark Royal's a knockout

NINE ships took part in a very successful Christmas knockout competition at HMS Temeraire.

Events were played out in fancy dress and followed by sherry, mince pies and a sing-song. HMS Ark Royal won and also took the prize for best costumes.

Second place went to HMS Birmingham and HMS Intrepid won the award for creating the

best joker. Also taking part were HM ships Challenger, Juno, Ariadne, Andromeda, Newcastle and Hermione.

The event was organised by POPT Marty Farrow and an Easter It's a Knockout will be held on March 29.

Harriers head for Ark Royal

CUTTING a dash over the English Channel are the eight Sea Harrier FRS 1s of 801 Squadron. At the time they were en route from RN air station Yeovilton to embark in HMS Ark Royal.

All the aircraft have 190-gallon drop tanks, and the missiles loaded are Sidewinders.



LASER DETERRENT STILL EFFECTIVE

SOME Royal Navy warships have had laser dazzle devices fitted as a "fallback" which could be useful in certain circumstances — and disclosure of their fitting "had not helped" said Defence Secretary Mr. Tom King.

The presence of the LDS (laser dazzle sight) to deter potential attackers was disclosed recently in a Spanish magazine.

Mr. King said, "It is a useful additional way to try to protect our sailors and ships — and it's been particularly useful because it hasn't been known about."

Asked if disclosure had destroyed its value, Mr. King said, "I hope it will still leave them with some use in certain circumstances."

He added, "This is a very limited device. It has a possible close-range, short, air and sea capability and it is effectively to deter attack, to cause confusion in a possible assailant and to do it in a non-lethal way."

Earlier in the Commons the Defence Procurement Minister Mr. Alan Clark said, "It is an essential and extremely useful adjunct to the armoury of the Royal Navy in difficult waters where they might not want to shoot."

Decision awaited on women at sea

WITH recruiting and retention remaining vital topics, speculation has continued about the possibility of service at sea by members of the WRNS.

Forecasts have appeared in several newspapers suggesting that a decision in the near future is likely to offer the opportunity for women to serve at sea. Some reports have even speculated on the categories which might be involved.

There has, however, been no confirmation of developments concerning a topic keenly discussed in naval circles following the recent survey on the future employment of the WRNS.

The latest official word was contained — briefly — in answer to a Commons question in early January concerning

measures to increase recruitment levels to the Services.

The reply stated that there had been a large increase in the advertising budget, adding: "We are trying to attract ethnic minorities and greater opportunities have been found for women in two of the Services. A decision will be taken shortly on the Royal Navy."

Meanwhile, later in January, it was announced that, following an independent report commissioned by MOD from management consultants there is to be "positive encouragement" to recruitment applications to the Services from members of ethnic minorities.

The report recommended a number of spheres where selection and recruiting procedures could be improved to attract more from these minorities.

Tribute to medics

NAVAL medical personnel have continued to form part of the Service contingent assisting during the ambulance dispute.

Crews and behind-the-scenes staff have been visited by Mr. Archie Hamilton, Armed Forces Minister, and Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health. Mrs. Bottomley said, "In an obviously difficult and sensitive situation, they have carried out their tasks confidently and without fuss, and deserve the unqualified respect and gratitude of the whole community."

Service personnel have been assisting the police and voluntary services in providing accident and emergency service in London and many counties.

In all nearly 1,000 Service personnel — many from the Army — and 181 Service vehicles have been directly involved.

Pay news imminent?

IF last year's pattern is repeated, announcement of the annual pay award for the Armed Forces will be made early in the year, rather than after the effective date of April 1, as has usually been the case in past years.

The 1989 announcement came in February. This year there have been Press stories that a series of reports of review bodies covering various public sectors will be considered by the Government in the near future.

Last year the average increase on basic pay for the Armed Forces was 6.8 per cent.

Changes in the air

● from page 1

that he has direct access to the Navy Board on all flight safety matters.

Headquarters of FONA — to be Rear-Admiral Michael Layard (at present FONAAC — will remain at Yeovilton, but because of the need to work closely with the Fleet, his air operations and warfare staff will be based at Northwood.

CINCFLEET, who has always had an aviation expert on his staff, will now have a dedicated division of FONA staff working alongside his own operational staff. The Naval Air Warfare Development Group at Fort Southwick will also be part of the division.

There has also been a general review of the distribution of responsibilities at the higher levels of the staff structure at Yeovilton HQ, and new financial and budgetary control methods have been set up.

Flag Officer Sea Training will continue to be responsible for integration of air units into ships during work-up and sea training, but may call on FONA for additional aviation staff and expertise when required.

FOF3 will also call on FONA to provide specialist advice and assistance during the aviation work-up of aircraft carriers and other aviation-capable ships of the Third Flotilla.

The FOFs will remain responsible for operational effectiveness.

Officer dies in storm

During the storm of January 25, Lieut.-Cdr. Adrian Bomback (44) died after being struck by falling debris outside his home at Didworthy, Devon. He was on leave from detachment to the Royal Saudi Navy.



1990

ROYAL NAVY CALENDAR



HMS Exeter in the Indian Ocean

SPECIALLY REDUCED PRICE

£2.90 UK or £3.10 Abroad (inc. p&p).

Order now from the Business Manager,
Navy News, HMS Nelson,
Portsmouth, PO1 3HH

Cheques and postal orders, to accompany orders, are to be made payable to Navy News. For orders from outside UK, payment is to be made by International Money Order in £ sterling.

Sunshine holiday in Singapore

SAILORS from HMS Manchester and their families relax in the pool of their hotel in Singapore (above) as they enjoy Christmas in the sun.

The Manchester, on Armilla Patrol in the Gulf since September, timed her two-week visit to Singapore to coincide with the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

The visit was a great opportunity for members of the ship's company to fly wives, families or girl friends out for a spectacular holiday.

About 80 made the trip, including the girl friends of 18 sailors who took advantage of the interest-free loan now offered to single men.

Singapore had much to offer in entertainment, sport, cuisine and of course shopping. Many made a trip to Malaysia during their station leave to discover the delights of an interesting and diverse country.

The Manchester returned to her Gulf patrol duties and is due to be relieved this month (February).

Band plays at Boat Show



YACHTING and boating enthusiasts received a musical welcome at the opening of this year's International Boat Show at Earls Court, London. Richard Waterer, presented a rousing medley of naval tunes, providing an entertaining launch for the popular event.

The BRNC Dartmouth Band of the Royal Mar-

Picture: PO(Phot) Stu Antrobus.